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## Abstract

Climate change can significantly affect the carbon balance of peatlands by influencing production and decomposition. Studying boreal peatlands along the edge of their southern limit can provide insight into responses of boreal peatlands to warmer climates. In this study, I derived multi-proxy data through loss-on-ignition, humification, plant macrofossil, pollen, testate amoebae and diatom analysis from Tannersville Bog in northeastern Pennsylvania. The aim was to test the hypothesis that a boreal-type poor fen associated with a temperate climate has a different peat accumulation pattern and higher peat accumulation rate compared to northern continental peatlands.

Plant macrofossil data indicate peat accumulation at Tannersville Bog was initiated by terrestrialization of a glacial lake at ~9000 cal years BP as a rich fen dominated by brown mosses. It changed to a poor fen dominated by Cyperaceae (sedge) and *Sphagnum* at ~1400 cal years BP and to a *Sphagnum*-dominated poor fen at ~200 cal years BP (1750 AD). The association of decline in hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*) pollen at 5500-3000 years BP with decrease in brown moss macrofossils and increase in fine debris at 5000-2700 years BP appears to support the argument that the hemlock decline in mid-Holocene might have been caused by a dry climate, as documented in other studies. The transition to a poor fen was associated with major changes in lithology and hydrologic conditions, which was probably triggered by a dry climate event documented in a lake-level study in northern New Jersey.

A concave peat-age pattern over the last ~9000 years derived from 8  $^{14}\text{C}$  dates and 240 bulk density measurements is similar to patterns of oceanic bogs but different from those of continental fens. The peat-addition rate of  $\sim 170 \text{ gm}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$  during the last 8000 years with a time-averaged mean of  $27 \text{ gCm}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$  were higher than most boreal peatlands, although deep-peat decomposition rate was similar ( $0.0004 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ). The relatively high accumulation rate may have been caused by high primary production (and possibly low acrotelm decomposition) associated with temperate climate. The results imply that some boreal peatlands can behave as carbon sinks under a warmer and wetter climate in the future.

## 1 Introduction

Northern peatlands contain a carbon pool of ~455 Gt ( $1 \text{ Gt} = 10^{15} \text{ g}$ ) which is about 30% of the world's terrestrial soil carbon, although they cover only about 2-3% of the earth's land surface (Gorham 1991). Changes of peatlands between carbon source (peat degradation) and carbon sink (peat accumulation) can significantly affect the global carbon cycle especially in response to climate change. Peatlands have originated mostly by the processes of paludification (on previously drier, vegetated mineral soils due to water table rise) and terrestrialization (lake infilling). For example, peat may form directly on fresh, moist, nonvegetated mineral soils exposed from isostatic rebound, and/or be deposited on shallow basins once occupied by early Holocene lakes (Vitt 2006). The term *peatland*, commonly used in the North American literature, is used interchangeably with the European term *mire*.

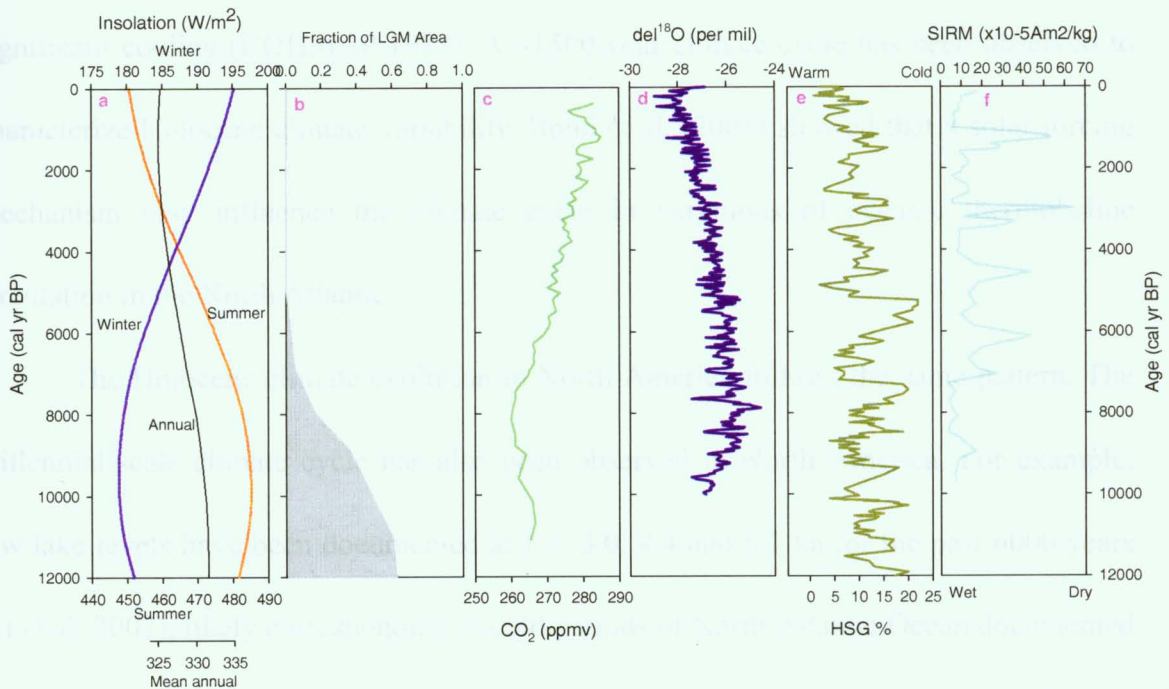
Variations in climate (temperature and precipitation) have significant impact on carbon dynamics in peatlands through their influences on water table, photosynthesis, decomposition, and  $\text{CH}_4$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  fluxes. Climatic warming can cause substantial water table drawdown, due to increasing evapotranspiration, and subsequent peat oxidation in northern peatlands (Gorham 1991). However, as most carbon cycling studies have been focused on peatlands in boreal and subarctic regions, such as Canada, Siberia and northern Europe (Ovenden 1990; Gorham 1991; Warner et al. 1993; Charman et al. 1994; Botch et al. 1995; Tolonen and Turunen 1996; Walter 1997; Vitt et al. 2000; Yu et al.

2003; Belyea and Malmer 2004; Belyea and Baird 2006; Frolking et al. 2006; Roulet et al. 2007), responses of peatland carbon dynamics to climatic variations under a warmer climate have been poorly understood.

The research project of this study is focused on the climatic impact on peat accumulation at Tannersville Bog, located in northeastern Pennsylvania. Tannersville Bog is a southerly (41°N) low altitude (277 m above sea level) poor fen dominated by *Sphagnum* moss. This allows to study the impact of Holocene climate change on a boreal-like peatland in a generally warmer climate as a possible analogue of future warm climate, and to evaluate differences in peat accumulation between southern and northern *Sphagnum* peatlands.

### **1.1 Holocene Climate Change**

The Holocene is the present interglacial period, spanning the last 11600 years. The most pronounced radiative changes in the Holocene were a gradual decrease in the summer insolation (June-July-August) of more than 30 W/m<sup>2</sup> accompanied by an increase of about 15 W/m<sup>2</sup> in the winter insolation (December-January-February) (Figure 1a). The seasonal distribution of solar radiation at the top of the atmosphere primarily influences heat distribution on the Earth. The variation of insolation during the Holocene represents half of a 22,000-year precession cycle.



**Figure 1** Main boundary conditions and selected climate records for the last 12000 years (the Holocene): a, insolation at 40°N (summer, winter, and annual) (Berger 1978); b, the area of the Laurentide ice sheet (LIS) as a fraction of its area during the last glacial maximum (LGM) (Shuman and Donnelly 2006); c, atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration from Taylor Dome, Antarctic (Indermuhle et al. 1999); d,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$  from Agassiz Ice Cap, Arctic Canada as a proxy of air temperature (Fisher et al. 1995); e, abundance of hematite-stained grains (HSG) from the North Atlantic as a proxy of ice bergs and temperature (Bond et al. 2001); f, SIRM from White Lake, New Jersey, North America as an indicator of lake-level changes (Li et al. 2007).

The Holocene started at 11.6 ka (1 ka = 1000 cal yr BP) associated with a marked climatic warming from 11 to 8 ka (Holocene Thermal Maximum) (Ritchie et al. 1983; Haug et al. 2001). A cold event at ca. 8.2 ka was documented by stable oxygen isotopes from Greenland ice cores (Johnsen et al. 2001). A warming period in the mid-Holocene between 8.6 and 4.3 ka was characterized with 0.5-2°C warmer than today (Fisher et al. 1995; Johnsen et al. 2001). The Little Ice Age started from 0.6-0.5 ka to 0.1 ka with a

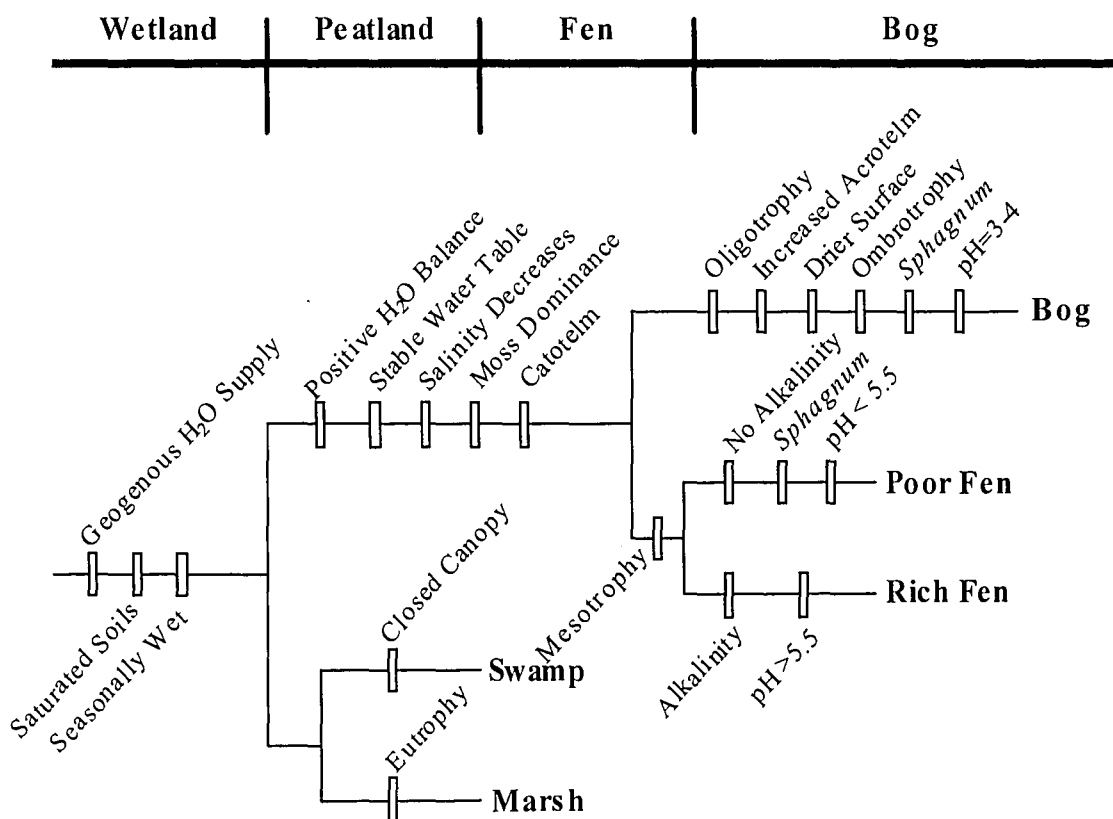
significant cooling (COHMAP 1988). A ~1500 year climate cycle has been observed to characterize Holocene climate variability. Bond et al. (2001) showed that a solar forcing mechanism may influence the climate cycle in variations of oceanic thermohaline circulation in the North Atlantic.

The Holocene climate evolution in North America follows the same pattern. The millennial-scale climate cycle has also been observed in North America. For example, low lake levels have been documented at 1.3, 3.0, 4.4 and 6.1 ka for the past 6000 years (Li et al. 2007), likely corresponding to cold periods of North Atlantic Ocean documented in Bond et al. (2001). Studies on vegetation history reveal an abrupt decline of *Tsuga canadensis* (eastern hemlock) from 5.5 to 3 ka from pollen records in eastern North America, which may be related to a dry climatic interval that induced regional-to-continental changes in vegetation and water levels during this period (Foster et al. 2006).

## **1.2 Peatlands and Peatland Carbon Dynamics**

Peatland ecosystems can be simply defined as “terrestrial environments where over the long term, on an areal basis, net primary production exceeds organic matter decomposition, leading to the substantial accumulation of a deposit rich in incompletely decomposed organic matter, or peat” (Wieder et al. 2006). Three major types of peatlands are rich fens, poor fens, and bogs (Figure 2). Fens are peatlands characterized by the presence of surface and ground water which also transports nutrients to peatlands (Vitt

2006). Rich fens are often dominated by true mosses (i.e. brown mosses) and sedges, with high amounts of base cations and alkalinity, high pH, and high nutrient availability. Poor fens are often dominated by peat mosses (i.e. *Sphagnum*), low base cations and little or no alkalinity, low pH, and low nutrient availability. Bogs, especially raised bogs, are peatlands with precipitation as the only source of nutrient and water, and are typically characterized by abundant *Sphagnum* species, decreased amounts of base cations and no alkalinity, increased acidity, and decreased nutrient availability (oligotrophy).



**Figure 2** Classification of functional levels of ecosystem (top) and criteria (bars with hierarchy clusters) that define the major boreal wetland types. Modified from Vitt (2006).



Peat accumulates whenever the rate of organic matter production exceeds the rate of decay. Though net primary production in boreal peatlands is lower than in many other ecosystems, peat accumulates as decay rates are extremely low in peatlands due to water-logged environment and anoxic conditions (Gorham 1991). The peat accumulation rate varies among peatlands owing to differences in geographical location (south greater than north), age (young greater than old), and type (Vasander and Kettunen 2006).

The peat growth rate in peatlands is in some degree regulated by *Sphagnum* moss which is the most dominant species in bogs and poor fens (Rydin et al. 2006). The refractory nature of *Sphagnum* causes the high acidity of soil and low decomposition of *Sphagnum* litter in the soil (e.g., decay rate of *Sphagnum* is 1/4 of that in other plants) (van Breemen 1995). *Sphagnum* peat conducts heat poorly, causing a short growing season for vascular plants on boreal peat, whereas the shallow euphotic zone of the *Sphagnum* carpet tends to be relatively warm (van Breemen 1995). The presence of *Sphagnum* also reduces supply of nutrients to vascular plants by effective interception of nutrients from the atmosphere and by slow mineralization and recycling (Maimor et al. 1994). Finally, depressed growth of vascular plants increases light availability and moisture by decreased evapotranspiration, which reinforces *Sphagnum* growth, and therefore peat growth. By building peat out of its own dead tissue, *Sphagnum* moss changes the supply of resources to other plants as the ecosystem engineer in bogs and poor fens (Rydin and Jeglum 2006).

### 1.3 Conceptual Models of Peat Accumulation

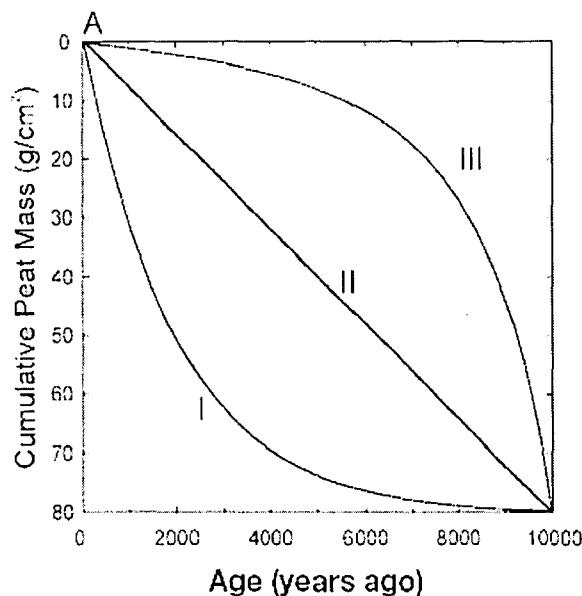
Dynamics of peat accumulation are determined by the processes of production and decay of organic matter. Based on different functional behaviors of production and decay, two or three layers can be distinguished in peat forming systems: litter, acrotelm, and catotelm (Clymo 1984; Yu et al. 2001a; Belyea and Baird 2006). In the litter layer, or living plants layer, production is the major process of carbon input, while rapid initial decomposition removes about 20% of the litter mass including leaching of soluble organic materials (Heal et al. 1978), before the litter enters the underlying layer as a new source of peat. The product of this initial decay is most likely in the form of dissolved organic carbon rather than  $\text{CO}_2$  or  $\text{CH}_4$ , and the decomposition rates of litter are influenced by mean temperatures and temperature fluctuations (Clymo 1984; Yu et al. 2001b). Below the litter layer is the acrotelm, which is a layer with fluctuating water table, variable water content, periodically aerobic, high decomposition rate with both aerobic and anaerobic bacteria, and relatively fast water movement. Catotelm is the layer permanently saturated with water, and therefore only comprises low anaerobic decomposition. The boundary between the acrotelm and catotelm is approximately the average water table below the vegetated surface (Ingram 1983; Clymo 1984). The bulk density becomes higher when plant mass decay and collapse, so the hydraulic conductivity is much lower in the catotelm than in the acrotelm.

Peat accumulation in the catotelm can have three general trajectories as shown in

the age-depth (cumulative mass) plots: linear, concave, and convex patterns (Figure 3). A linear relationship (Figure 3: curve II) between cumulative peat mass and time could occur if change in mass over time were constant (constant apparent accumulation rates). This assumption seems implausible in most peatlands, and the generally accepted assumptions are that the rate of decay is directly proportional to the amount of mass left (Jenny et al. 1949; Clymo 1984). Two other trajectories have been observed in various peatland types. The concave curve (Figure 3: curve I) developed by Clymo (1984) for cumulative mass vs. age indicates higher apparent accumulation rates in younger peat and lower rates in older peat, which is the general pattern of peat accumulation in bogs under oceanic climate. The convex curve (Figure 3: curve III) developed by Yu et al (2003) has been observed in continental fens in western Canada, which implies lower apparent accumulation rates in younger peat and higher rates in older peat. The convex shaped pattern implies that peatlands will reach their growth limit sooner and that their carbon sequestration capacity will decline faster than would be expected in the concave shaped pattern (Figure 3), disregarding climatic change (Yu et al. 2003).

Climatic change (variations in temperature and precipitation) and induced changes in moisture and vegetation would have significant effects on the rate of peat decay, the rate of peat addition into the catotelm (the mass input from the bottom of acrotelm per unit time), and therefore the peat accumulation pattern. Based on the concave model, Clymo (1998) suggested that the value of rate of peat addition was

related to the degree-days above 0°C and proportional decay rate was exponentially related to mean annual temperature. The ranges of average long-term carbon accumulation ( $\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) estimated in individual cores from Finnish peatlands were much higher in bogs than in fens and almost double in southern peatlands as compared with those in the northern Boreal zone (Tolonen and Turunen 1996).



**Figure 3** Generalized trajectories of the long term carbon accumulation in peatlands: I: higher apparent accumulation rates in younger peat and lower rates in older peat (concave pattern); II: constant apparent accumulation rates; and III: lower apparent accumulation rates in younger peat and higher rates in older peat (convex pattern). Modified from Yu (2006).

#### 1.4 Research Objectives and Questions

Peat accumulates whenever the rate of organic matter production exceeds the rate of decay. Higher peat accumulation rates can be attributed to two reasons: higher production at the peat surface, or a lower decomposition rate. Warmer climate with a

longer growing season and/or higher moisture conditions can favor primary production in peatlands (Belyea and Malmer 2004). A longer growing season and/or higher temperature may result in greater evaporation and a longer seasonal drawdown of water table, which exposes more peat to be oxidized; meanwhile, the decomposition rate is positively correlated with soil temperature (the higher the soil temperature, the higher the decomposition rate) (Carroll and Crill 1997; Frolking et al. 2001). Conversely, wetter climate or higher precipitation would affect the dynamics of hydrology in peat, likely increasing primary productivity and water table which impedes decomposition of peat.

The aim of this research is to test the hypothesis that a boreal-type poor fen associated with a temperate climate, such as Tannersville Bog, has a different peat accumulation pattern and higher peat accumulation rate during the Holocene compared to northern continental peatlands. The temperate climate is characterized by warm climate with an average high temperature of about 10°C and annual precipitation great than 1000 mm, while the climate of northern continental peatlands is characterized by a mean annual temperature of 0°C and annual precipitation less than 600 mm. Climate, therefore, must have a significant effect on carbon accumulation by influencing primary production and decomposition. To evaluate this idea, I will address the following questions:

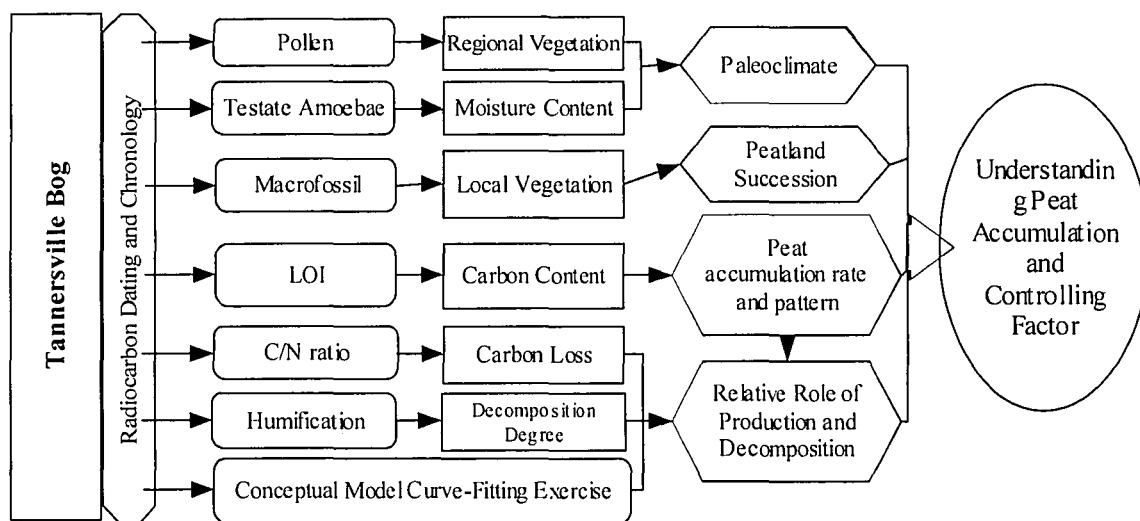
- 1) What is the peat accumulation pattern of Tannersville Bog during the Holocene? Is this pattern different from the pattern observed in northern continental peatlands of different types in boreal and subarctic regions? What is the reason for the difference?

- 2) What is the peat accumulation rate at Tannersville Bog? Is the rate higher or lower than the rates of northern peatlands of different types? What caused the higher/lower rates compared to the rates of northern peatlands?
- 3) How have the local vegetation, substrate moisture conditions and regional vegetation changed at Tannersville Bog during the Holocene? Were the changes in local vegetation succession influenced by climate change?
- 4) How has peat accumulation of Tannersville Bog responded to the variations of local vegetation, substrate moisture condition and regional vegetation during the Holocene?

### **1.5 Research Approach**

I used multi-proxy data derived from peat cores to document the peat accumulation pattern and accumulation rate, climate variations, and decomposition at Tannersville Bog. Proposed analyses are illustrated in a flow chart (Figure 4). Loss-on-ignition (LOI) analysis was used to estimate organic matter content, to calculate bulk density, and to quantify the accumulation of organic matter. AMS radiocarbon dating was used to derive chronology and to calculate peat accumulation rates during the Holocene. A simple conceptual model was used to estimate long-term peat-addition rate (PAR) and decomposition coefficients by curve fitting analysis. Humification and C/N ratio analyses were conducted to examine the variations of the degree of decomposition and the carbon loss along the peat profile, which would help me to understand the relative roles of production and decomposition processes in determining peat accumulation.

These results will be compared with data from Alaskan peatlands and other northern peatlands to investigate the differences between temperate and boreal peatlands, and to understand the effects of warmer climate on peat accumulation at Tannersville Bog.



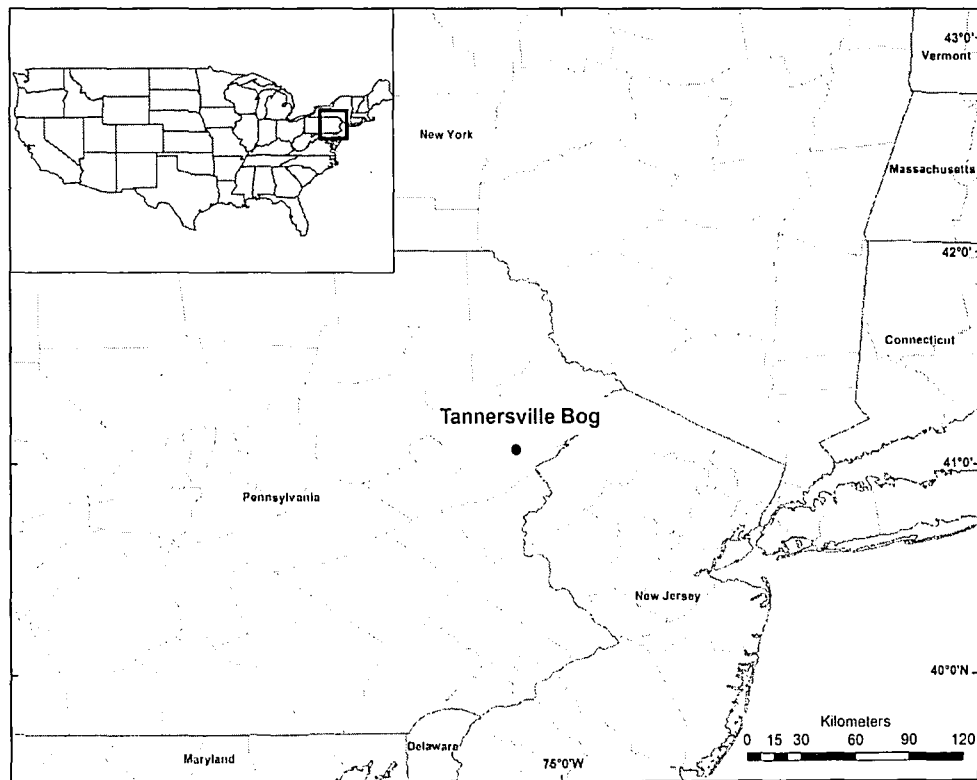
**Figure 4** Flow chart and research design for the study at Tannersville Bog.

Climate change and variability can be inferred from regional vegetation, local vegetation and moisture conditions at Tannersville Bog. Pollen analysis was conducted to reconstruct regional vegetation, and macrofossil analysis was utilized to reconstruct local vegetation. Testate amoebae analysis was conducted to reconstruct surface moisture condition. The reconstructed paleoclimate was used to study the impact of climatic variability on local vegetation change and peat accumulation.

## 2 Study Region and Study Site

## 2.1 Physiography

Tannersville Bog is located at the edge of the Pocono Mountains in Monroe County, Pennsylvania ( $75^{\circ}16'W$ ,  $41^{\circ}02'N$ , Figure 5) with a current size of the  $3\text{ km}^2$ . Bedrock in the region consists of gently dipping Paleozoic age (570-225 million years, or ma) strata consisting of sandstones and shales. During the Pleistocene (1.8 ma - 10 ka) the rocks were eroded by advancing glaciers and covered by glacial deposits (Hirsch 1977). Tannersville Bog was once a glacial lake before the Holocene and developed by the lake-infilling (terrestrialization) process (Watts 1979).

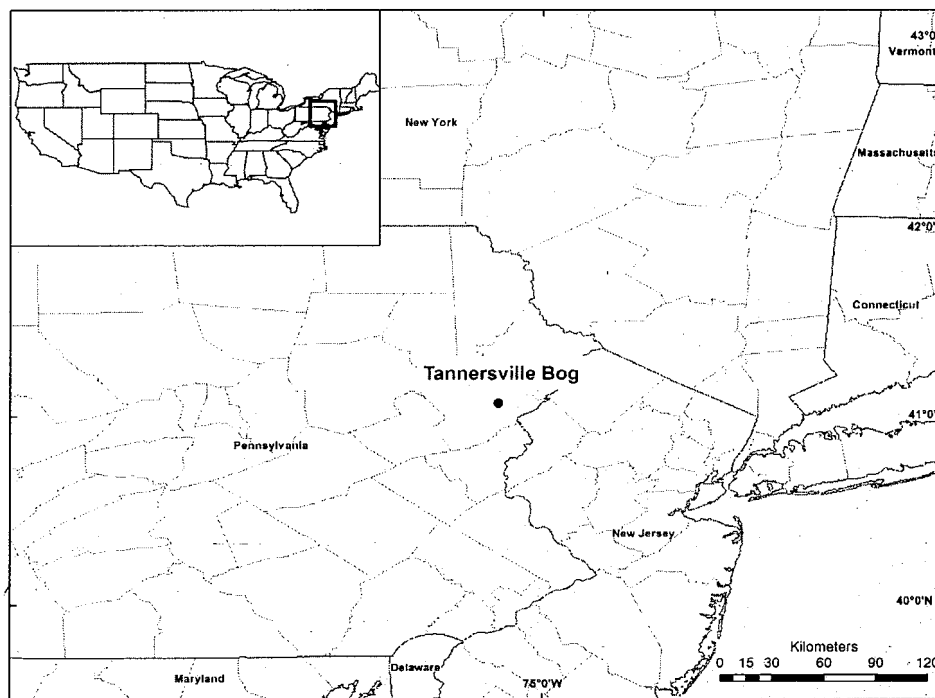


**Figure 5** The location map of Tannersville Bog, Pennsylvania.



## 2.1 Physiography

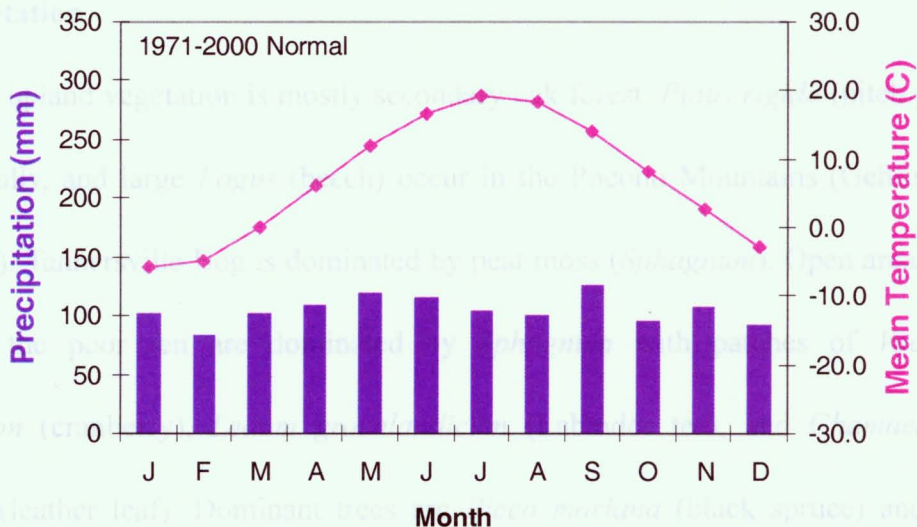
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**Figure 5** The location map of Tannersville Bog, Pennsylvania.

## 2.2 Climatology

The study area is characterized by temperate climate with a mean maximum air temperature of 16°C, a mean minimum air temperature of 3°C, and a mean annual temperature of ~10°C (Stroudsburg station 2005 NOAA, 10 km from Tannersville Bog). The mean annual precipitation is around 1256 mm (Stroudsburg station 2005 NOAA). In 2006, 1570 mm of precipitation was reported at Tannersville station (Tannersville 2e, NOAA). Figure 6 shows the monthly average air temperature and precipitation in the study area based on the normal climate from 1971 to 2000.



**Figure 6** Climate Normal (1971-2000) of monthly average air temperature (line with markers) and precipitation (bars) of the study area (Data from the weather station of Tobyhanna Pocono Mountain which is 11 km northwest of Tannersville Bog).

## 2.3 Hydrology

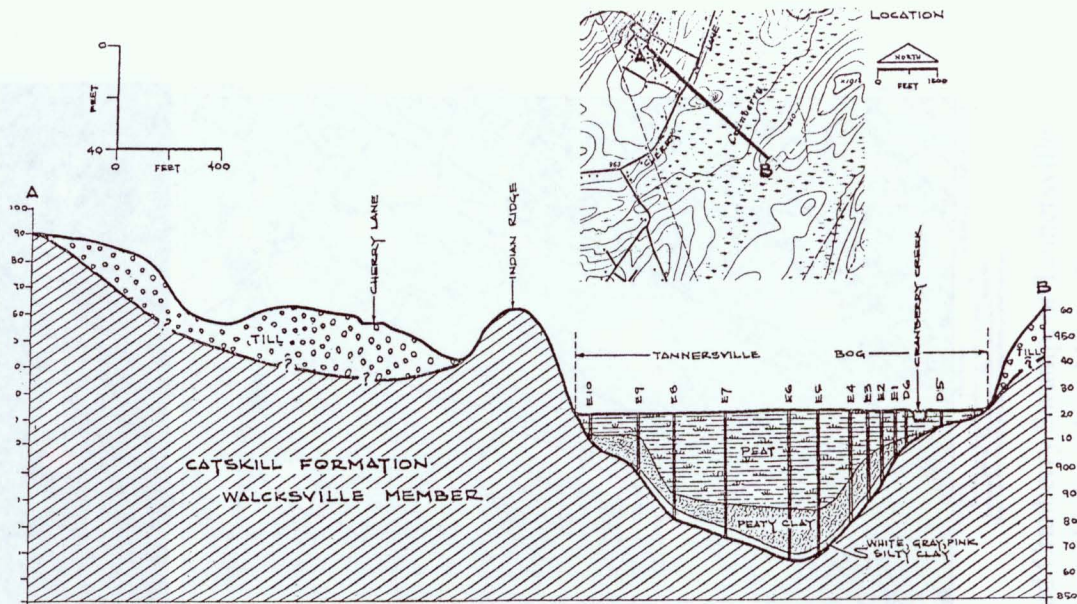
Tannersville Bog is fed mainly through precipitation and surface water (Luebbe 2007). Although it is called a bog, it is actually an acidic poor fen also fed by groundwater coming from the uplands, with a pH of ~5.1. A first-order stream, Cranberry Creek, flows through Tannersville Bog. The discharge and flux of dissolved organic carbon (DOC) in Cranberry Creek are greatest from the summer into early-fall and generally varied with average temperature (Luebbe 2007). In 2006, the DOC concentration ranged from 3 to 23 mg/L in Cranberry Creek with an annual DOC flux of 12.18 g/m<sup>2</sup>/yr (Luebbe 2007).

## 2.4 Vegetation

The upland vegetation is mostly secondary oak forest. *Pinus rigida* (pitch pine) is present locally, and large *Fagus* (beech) occur in the Pocono Mountains (Gehris 1964; Watts 1979). Tannersville Bog is dominated by peat moss (*Sphagnum*). Open areas in the middle of the poor fen are dominated by *Sphagnum* with patches of *Vaccinium macrocarpon* (cranberry), *Ledum groenlandicum* (Labrador tea), and *Chamaedaphne calyculata* (leather leaf). Dominant trees are *Picea mariana* (black spruce) and *Larix laricina* (tamarack) rooted in hummocks of *Sphagnum* moss. Tannersville Bog is one of the southern-most (41°N) low altitude (277 m) *Sphagnum* dominated poor fens along the eastern seaboard, and one of the Nature Conservancy's first preserves.

## 2.5 Site History

Tannersville Bog was first investigated by Gehris (1964), who analyzed pollen grains from a 10.5-m peat profile from a site close to the creek, in the central open area of the peatland which was believed to be deepest (Figure 7). He noted two watery pockets at 1.5-1.8 m and at 5.8-6.1 m below the peat surface, attributed to floating mats. Above 1.5 m, the peat was relatively coarse and dark brown in color. From 1.8 to 8.1 m, it was peaty brown (except for watery pocket). From 8.1 to 10.2 m, the gritty content of peat gradually increased. Below 10.2 meters, the sediment is bluish-gray clay having a unique purplish tint in the sunlight. In the report to the Nature Conservancy, Hirsch (1977) indicated (Figure 7) that the peat is deepest at the central part of the bedrock valley with a maximum depth of ~11 m; the peat is underlain by a dark brown peaty clay that ranges in thickness from 0 to 5.5 m wherever the peat is more than 3 m; beneath the peat, the basal sediment is a layer of pink, gray, or white silty clay (>0.6 m thick) extending over the top of bedrock that forms an impermeable layer between the bedrock and overlying peat where the depth is over 6 m.



**Figure 7** Cross-section of the Cranberry Creek Valley. The Tannersville Bog section is based on borings that were proximal to the line of section (Hirsch 1977).

Watts (1979) analyzed pollen and macrofossils from a 13-m sedimentary core from Tannersville Bog (Figure 8) spanning 13,300  $^{14}\text{C}$  years to investigate the earliest vegetation after deglaciation. He calculated an average sedimentation rate of 12.2 yr/cm which did not distinguish the sedimentation of peat and lake sediments. Watts' (1979) pollen diagram illustrated the decline of white pine and a rise in oak that is accompanied by a steep rise in hemlock shortly after 9800  $^{14}\text{C}$  yr BP; oak has been continuously predominant through the Holocene to the present day while hemlock declined before 4600  $^{14}\text{C}$  yr BP. *Sphagnum* spores and aquatic taxa were present throughout the Holocene but became dominant in the late Holocene. Macrofossil results suggest that Tannersville Bog was a lake until the middle Holocene when *Larix* appeared in the profile after 8000  $^{14}\text{C}$  yr BP.





**Figure 8** Topographic map and Google image of Tannersville Bog (also called Cranberry Swamp, or Tannersville Cranberry Bog), with previous coring sites and our three coring sites (solid dots). Light-colored linear features are boardwalk.

### **3 Methods**

#### **3.1 Sample Collecting**

A 1073-cm sediment core (TB07-1) was collected on 24 March 2007 at Tannersville Bog (41.03817°N, 75.26582°W), about 10 meters away from boardwalk west of the Cranberry Creek (Figure 8). The top 183 cm were recovered using a 10.2-cm-diameter modified Livingstone piston corer (Wright et al. 1984), and lower sediments were collected using a 5-cm-diameter modified Livingstone piston corer. Core segments of 100 cm long were extruded in the field and wrapped in plastic wrap and stored in polyvinylchloride pipe during transportation to the laboratory, where they were stored at 4°C in a cold room.

#### **3.2 Radiocarbon Dating**

AMS radiocarbon analysis on hand-picked plant macrofossils was used to date the peat core. Only the macrofossils from non-aquatic plants (e.g., *Sphagnum* moss, Ericaceae leaves, charcoal, or ligneous plant fragments) are used for dating to avoid hard-water effect (some aquatic plants absorb bicarbonate formed from limestone). AMS samples were analyzed at the W. M. Keck Carbon Cycle Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Laboratory (KCCAMS) in the Department of Earth System Science at the University of California, Irvine. Thirteen peat samples from selected 1-cm-thick slices at approximately 100-cm intervals were submitted for AMS radiocarbon dating, of which 12 radiocarbon dates were obtained. Radiocarbon dates were calibrated with IntCal04 calibration data set

(Reimer et al. 2004) using the program Calib v5.01 (Stuiver et al. 1998). Age-depth model was reconstructed with a cubic polynomial regression on the median probability age within ~95% possibility range (2 standard deviation).

### **3.3 Loss on Ignition Analysis**

Sequential loss on ignition (LOI) analysis is a commonly used method to estimate the moisture, organic and carbonate contents of sediments (Dean 1974; Heiri et al. 2001). Moisture content is estimated by the weight loss at 100°C; organic matter content can be calculated by the weight loss at 550°C; and carbonate content is calculated by the weight loss at 1000 °C. LOI provides a fast and inexpensive method of determining organic content and carbonate of clay-poor calcareous sediments with precision and accuracy (Dean 1974). Volumetric samples (1.4 cm<sup>3</sup>) were selected from 1-cm-thick slices at 2-cm interval for the upper 4-m peat core and at 10-cm interval for the lower 6.73-m peat core from Tannersville Bog. Bulk density measurements were calculated using sample volume and dry weight.

### **3.4 Humification and C/N Analysis**

Humic acids are produced by the decomposition of organic material. They are dark brown in solution. The proportion of humic acid increases as peat decomposes. This principle has been used to estimate the quantities of humic acid in peat, based on the assumption that the color of the extracts are indicative of the degree of humification and therefore the degree of decomposition (Caseldine et al. 2000). Since decomposition is



primarily a function of the degree of surface wetness of a peatland, the humification record represents a paleohydrological proxy, although it is influenced by the botanical composition of the peat. The sodium hydroxide (NaOH) extracts are most widely used in this technique. The standard colorimetric technique has been used to reconstruct peatland surface wetness in several recent studies (Booth and Jackson 2003; Langdon and Barber 2005).

Fossil C/N ratios of bulk peat and *Sphagnum* fossils provide an index to represent the degree of carbon losses through anaerobic decay in the catotelm (Kuhry and Vitt 1996). Slow anaerobic decomposition in the catotelm results in continuous carbon loss through processes such as sulphate reduction and methanogenesis (Mitsch and Gosselink 2000). Nitrogen is lost mainly by becoming immobilized in the catotelm in spite of the small amount lost from the acrotelm through denitrification, grazing, burning, surficial runoff, and erosion (Mitsch and Gosselink 2000). About 95-98% of the nitrogen in the moss and other components of the peat is recycled while 80-90% of the carbon is lost through aerobic decomposition (Kuhry and Vitt 1996). Due to the preferential loss of carbon in the catotelm, nitrogen is consequently relatively enriched and carbon/nitrogen ratios gradually decrease moving down along the peat profile (Malmer and Holm 1984; Kuhry and Vitt 1996). Study on fossil C/N ratios by Kuhry and Vitt (1996) shows that the decrease of C/N ratios corresponds to carbon loss when nitrogen losses in the catotelm of bog ecosystems can be considered negligible, and that net carbon accumulation rates are

significantly correlated with the nitrogen accumulation rate gradient.

Humification and C/N analysis were conducted on peat samples from Tannersville Bog. A Genesys™ 10 series spectrophotometer (Thermo Electron Corporation) was used to measure the percentage of light transmittance at wavelengths of 400-1000 nm. Measurement was conducted on 0.2 g powdered peat from 1-cm-thick slices at 10-cm sampling interval. The percentage of light transmittance at 540 nm was used in the paleo-hydrology reconstruction. The higher percent of transmittance means lower degree of peat decomposition, indicating a wet condition (Booth and Jackson 2003). C/N ratio measurements for the short core were obtained by measuring carbon and nitrogen content in samples at the same resolution with humification analysis, using total organic carbon and nitrogen analyzer (Shimadzu TOC-Vcph and TNM-1).

### **3.5 Plant Macrofossil Analysis**

Plant macrofossils preserved in peat profiles are indicative of local vegetation changes (Barber et al. 1994). Variations of local vegetation could represent a sequence of autogenic change or could be in response to climate change (allogenic effect). I used a semi-quantitative method for macrofossil analysis following Yu et al. (2003). Peat subsamples of approximately 1 cm<sup>3</sup> were taken every other centimeter for the upper 4-m section and every 20-cm for the lower 6.73-m section and dispersed into a custom-designed picking tray with channels (“channeled plexiglass template”) without chemical treatment and sieving. The macroscopic components are usually composed by

recognizable plant remains and unrecognizable debris (Yu et al. 2003). The relative abundance of unrecognizable debris independently reflects the degree of decomposition of each measured sample. The subsamples were examined under a dissecting stereomicroscope to identify and estimate relative abundance of different macroscopic components, including *Sphagnum*, brown mosses, herbs (Cyperaceae), ligneous (woody materials from shrubs or trees and charcoals), and unrecognizable debris. Identification was aided by Lévesque et al. (1988) and online identification key by Dale Vitt (<http://www.peatnet.siu.edu/PeatGuide.html>). The sampling resolution of plant macrofossil analysis is the same as for LOI analysis.

### **3.6 Pollen Analysis**

Pollen as a proxy of regional vegetation and climate change at Tannersville Bog allow me to address the possible connection between climate, upland vegetation, and peatland ecosystem changes. The hemlock (*Tsuga*) decline at ~5.5 ka is a widespread palynological event in eastern North America and has been attributed to a dry climate (Yu et al. 1997; Foster et al. 2006). To study the peatland responses to this event, the pollen record provides the information of climate change that is used to investigate the association with other independent records, such as plant macrofossil-inferred peatland vegetation dynamic and testate amoeba-inferred water table depth. Also, in northeastern United States *Ambrosia* (Ragweed) pollen increased rapidly, corresponding to the European settlement and forest clearance for agriculture at ~250 years BP (Russell 1980;

Willard et al. 2003). This pollen horizon can be used for dating the recent peat profile.

Pollen analysis was conducted on 1-cm-thick slices from Tannersville Bog at 10-cm interval for the upper 3.4-m by using the same sample preparation for testate amoebae analysis as described in the following section. The lower 7.3-m peat was analyzed at 20 cm intervals with a modified standard method for pollen sample preparation (Fægri and Iversen 1989). One *Lycopodium* spore tablet (batch No. 938934, mean = 10679 spores) was added during sample preparation as spike used in the calculation of pollen concentration. Pollen and spores were identified and counted under a compound microscope at 400× magnification following the illustrated key by McAndrews et al. (1973). The percentages of pollen, spore and aquatics were calculated based on the total pollen sum which includes trees and shrubs, upland herbs, Pteridophytes, unknowns and indeterminable types. The pollen diagram was plotted using TGView v 2.0.2 with cluster analysis conducted by CONISS (Grimm 1987).

### **3.7 Testate Amoebae Analysis**

Testate amoebae (Protozoa: Rhizopoda) assemblages provide quantitative estimates of water table and soil moisture in *Sphagnum* peatlands (Woodland et al. 1998; Charman et al. 1999; Booth 2002; Booth and Jackson 2003; Charman et al. 2004). Testate amoebae are microscopic Protists, typically between 20 and 250 µm in size, which inhabit the surface layers of peatlands and other moist soils and the benthic environment of freshwater lakes (Charman et al. 2000). Testate amoebae live within thin water films

around soil particles and on *Sphagnum* leaves and stems. In *Sphagnum* peatlands, testate amoebae are a major component of the microfauna (Woodland et al. 1998). The sensitivity of testate amoebae to moisture has been documented in several paleoecological studies by comparison with other independent proxies, including peat humification and plant macrofossils (Charman et al. 1999; Booth and Jackson 2003; Langdon and Barber 2005). Charman (2004) examined the relationships between a 200-year record of reconstructed water table change from testate amoebae, instrumental water table and climate data in Europe, and showed that ombrotrophic peatland surface wetness records primarily reflected summer moisture balance.

At Tannersville Bog testate amoebae analysis was carried out at 10-cm intervals using 3 cm<sup>3</sup> of peat samples from selected 1-cm-thick slices using the method described in Booth (2007). Taxonomy follows Charman et al. (2000) and Booth (2007). A *Lycopodium* spore tablet was added to each sample for the calculation of testate amoeba concentration. The count total is the sum of all identified testate amoeba types and indeterminables. The testate amoebae diagram was plotted in TGView v 2.0.2 with CONISS for zonation. Water-table depths were reconstructed by weighted averaging partial least squares transfer function model based on a calibration datasets developed from North American peatland samples (Booth 2008).

### **3.8 Diatom Analysis**

Diatoms represent a group of algae whose siliceous valves are usually well preserved in sedimentary deposits. They are usually typical of clean-water environments (Cushing and Allan 2001). Diatom growth is optimal in open water and in low acidity environments, so its abundance indicates the moisture conditions and types of peatlands (Smol 1990). I estimated the abundance of diatoms on pollen and testate amoebae slides for the samples from the upper 340-cm section of core TB07-1, without identifying to specific taxa. The calculation of diatom concentration is based on the same spike as described in section 3.7.

### 3.9 Peat Accumulation Analysis

Peat accumulation in the catotelm can have three general trajectories as shown in Figure 3 (subsection 1.2). The rate of decay is directly proportional to the amount of mass left (Jenny et al. 1949; Clymo 1984):

$$dm / dt = -\alpha m, \quad (1)$$

where  $m$  is the mass at time  $t$ ,  $\alpha$  is the decay parameter.

The solution is:

$$m = m_0 e^{-\alpha t}. \quad (2)$$

where  $m_0$  is the original mass.

This equation implies that there is always some of the plant material left, and a plot of logarithmically scaled  $m$  vs.  $t$  is a straight line (Clymo 1984).

Clymo's concave curve was originally based on Ingram's (1982) hydrological

model. Water flows laterally in the acrotelm but there is almost no lateral flow in the water-saturated catotelm. The average water table or the boundary therefore rises at the same rate at which peat accumulates. Based on the exponential decay model (equation 1), a more specific model for the peat accumulation in the catotelm can be described with a constant peat addition rate,  $p$  (the rate of peat mass input from the bottom of the acrotelm), and decay at a rate ( $\alpha$ ) proportional to the amount of mass ( $x$ ) at any time ( $t$ ):

$$dx / dt = p - \alpha x . \quad (3)$$

The solution is:

$$x = \frac{p}{\alpha} (1 - e^{-\alpha t}) . \quad (4)$$

In this equation, the present surface of the catotelm can be arbitrarily set at any depth and the other values of mass and age are expressed relative to that depth, and  $p$  and  $\alpha$  have been constant over the time under consideration. Equation 3 generates an age-depth (or cumulative mass) curve in a concave shape. The concavity indicates a long-term trend which cannot be explained by change in bulk density only; it is suggested there is decay ( $\alpha > 0$ ) in the catotelm (Clymo 1984). Most of the mass loss in the catotelm is attributed to the fact that the decayed organic matter leaves the system through diffusion, by mass flow in solution, and by gas bubbles of methane (Gorham 1991).

For core TB07-1 from Tannersville Bog, I applied the calibrated radiocarbon ages obtained from the peat core and the ash-free bulk density to calculate cumulative peat mass and apparent peat accumulation rates. Based on the calculation, I used the Clymo

concave model (equation 4) to estimate parameters including long-term peat-addition rates and catotelm decomposition rate in Tannersville Bog. Exponential regressions have been conducted on different continuous periods of time to explore the variations of peat addition rate ( $p$ ) and decomposition rate ( $\alpha$ ) with time.



## 4 Results

### 4.1 Radiocarbon Dates and Chronology

One of twelve radiocarbon dates (Table 1) were rejected: the date at depth of 375-376 cm is reversed (Figure 9). The 11 accepted calibrated ages were used in the age-depth model using a cubic polynomial regression curve (Figure 9). The square of the correlation coefficient ( $R^2$ ) is 0.9991. The p-values of all regression coefficients are less than 0.0001, which means all the regression coefficients are statistically significant. Based on this age model, the temporal sampling resolution ranges from 4 to 18 years for each contiguous 1-cm interval. A time scale based on this age model is used in this study.

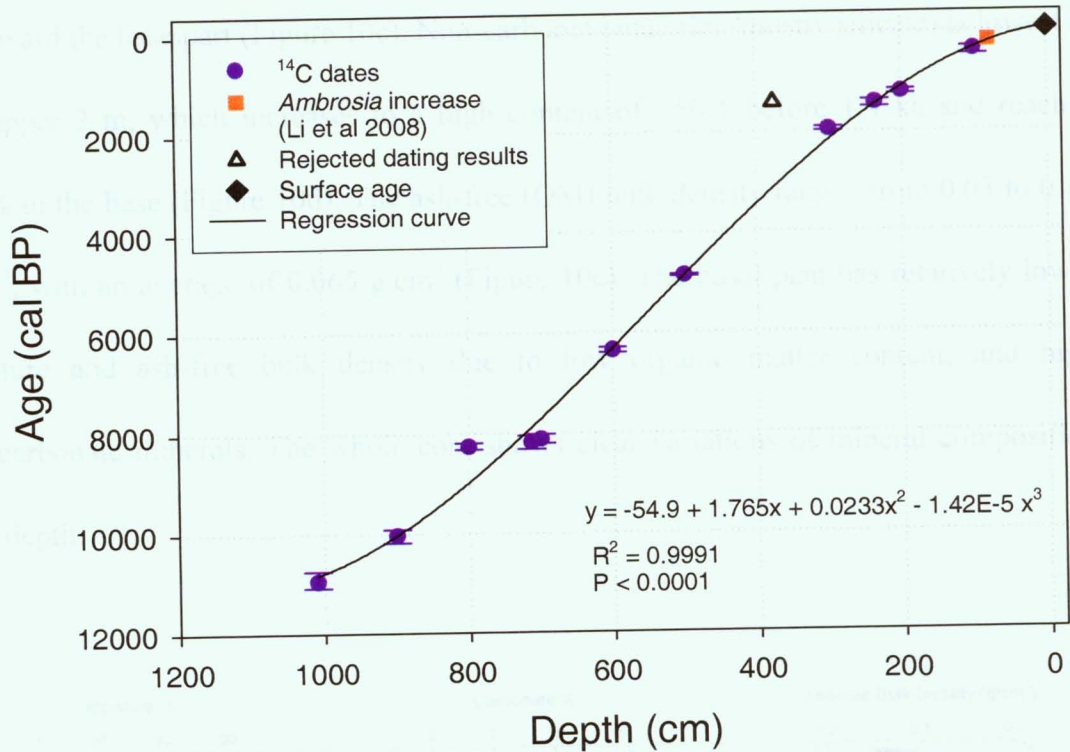
**Table 1** AMS radiocarbon dates obtained from core TB07-1 at Tannersville Bog.

Depth (cm)	Material dated	AMS No.*	$^{14}\text{C}$ yr BP	Calibrated year BP** (95% range)
99-100	Needles, Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments	38081	340±30	394.5 (326-473)
199-200	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments	38082	1250±30	1217.5 (1170-1265)
235-236	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, seed	42064	1540±25	1439 (1370-1519)
299-300	Ericaceae leaves	38083	2010±30	1959 (1923-1995)
***375-376	Ericaceae leaves, needles, woody fragments, sedge s	42065	1535±25	1420 (1381-1509)
498-500	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38084	4305±40	4856.5 (4836-4877)
598-600	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38085	5555±50	6348.5 (6299-6398)
698-700	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38086	7320±80	8107 (8018-8196)
711-713	Peat	42066	7365±25	8183 (8046-8307)
799-800	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38087	7420±40	8251.5 (8185-8318)
898-900	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38088	8910±50	10047 (9916-10178)
1013-1014	Ericaceae leaves, woody fragments, sedge leaves	38089	9565±40	10912.5 (10745-11080)

\*: AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  dates were measured in KCCAMS UCI;

\*\*: calibrated ages are the median of 95% probability;

\*\*\*: date at depth of 375-376 cm was rejected and not used in the age model.

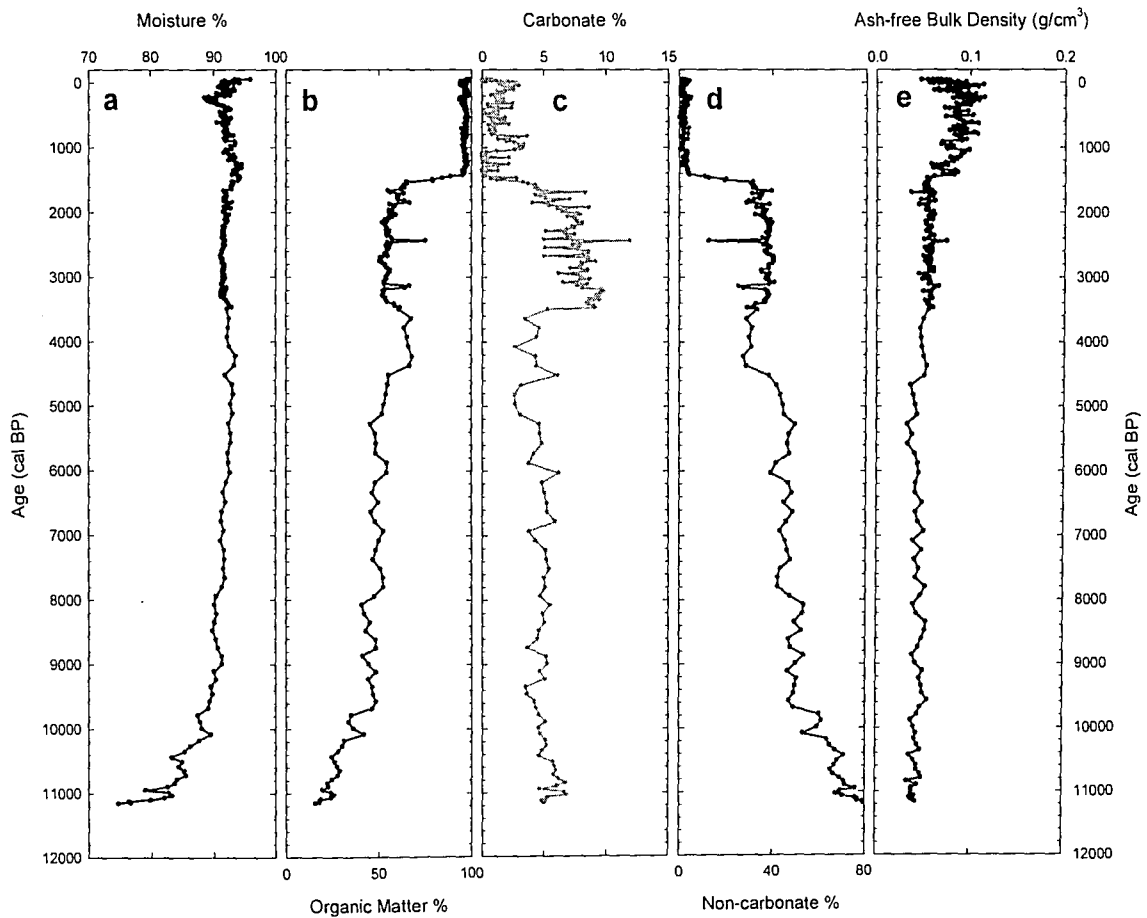


**Figure 9** Age-depth model for core TB07-1 using cubic polynomial regression on calibrated AMS  $^{14}\text{C}$  dates.

## 4.2 Sediment Lithology

The peat moisture content of the core TB07-1 ranges from 90% (top 8 m) to 75% (Figure 10a). The organic matter (OM) content of the dry material is highest (~96%) for the upper 2 m (0-1.4 ka), which decreases to ~50% below 2 m (from ~1.4 to 9 ka), and further declines to <30% at the base of the core (Figure 10b). The remaining dry material consists of carbonate and non-carbonate silicate minerals. The carbonate content of the dry material is lowest in the upper 2 m, and has an excursion up to 10% at the middle part (1.4-3.4 ka) of the peat core, while the value declines to ~5% for the lower part from ~3.2

ka toward the base part (Figure 10c). Non-carbonate material (mostly silicate) is lowest in the upper 2 m, which increases to a high content of ~50% before 1.4 ka and reaches ~80% in the base (Figure 10d). The ash-free (OM) bulk density ranges from 0.03 to 0.11 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, with an average of 0.065 g/cm<sup>3</sup> (Figure 10e). The basal peat has relatively lower moisture and ash-free bulk density due to low organic matter content, and high non-carbonate minerals. The whole core shows clear variations of mineral composition with depth.

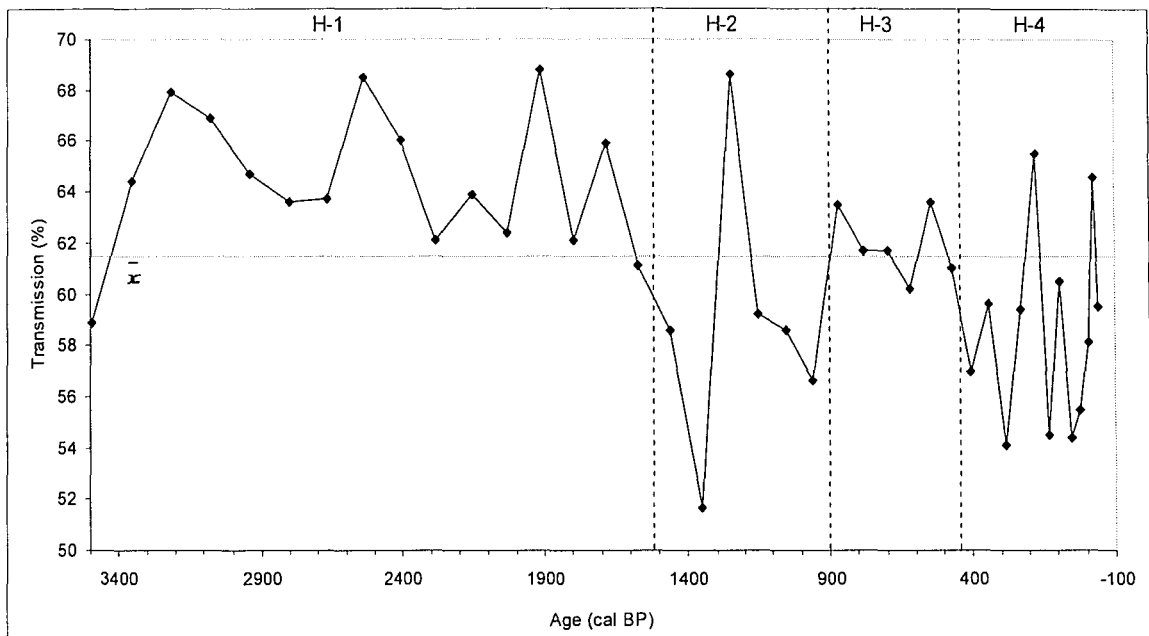


**Figure 10** Sediment lithology of core TB07-1. a, moisture content; b, organic matter

content; c, carbonate content; d, non-carbonate (silicate) content; e, ash-free bulk density.

### **4.3 Humification**

The peat humification measurements on samples for the last 3500 years from Tannersville Bog demonstrate that the transmission at 540 nm ranges from 51.7% to 68.8% (Figure 11). Compared to other North American peatlands (Sousa 2008), the results suggest that the peat appears to be less humified and presumably under relatively stable hydrological conditions. Four humification zones were defined by visual inspection (Figure 11). Zone H-1 (3.4-1.5 ka) has relatively high transmittance of ~62-68% with moderate variability, suggesting low decomposition and wet conditions. Zone H-2 (1.5-0.9 ka) has the lowest transmittance of 52% with values fluctuated between 50% and 60%. Except for one data point, H-2 represents relatively high peat decomposition and dry conditions. H-3 (0.9-0.4 ka) is characterized by intermediate humification with relatively small variability, which represents a period with relatively stable moist conditions. In contrast to the other zones, H-4 (0.45 ka-present) has the largest variations in transmittance with relatively low values on average, which suggest frequently changed moisture availability under generally dry conditions in the last 500 years.

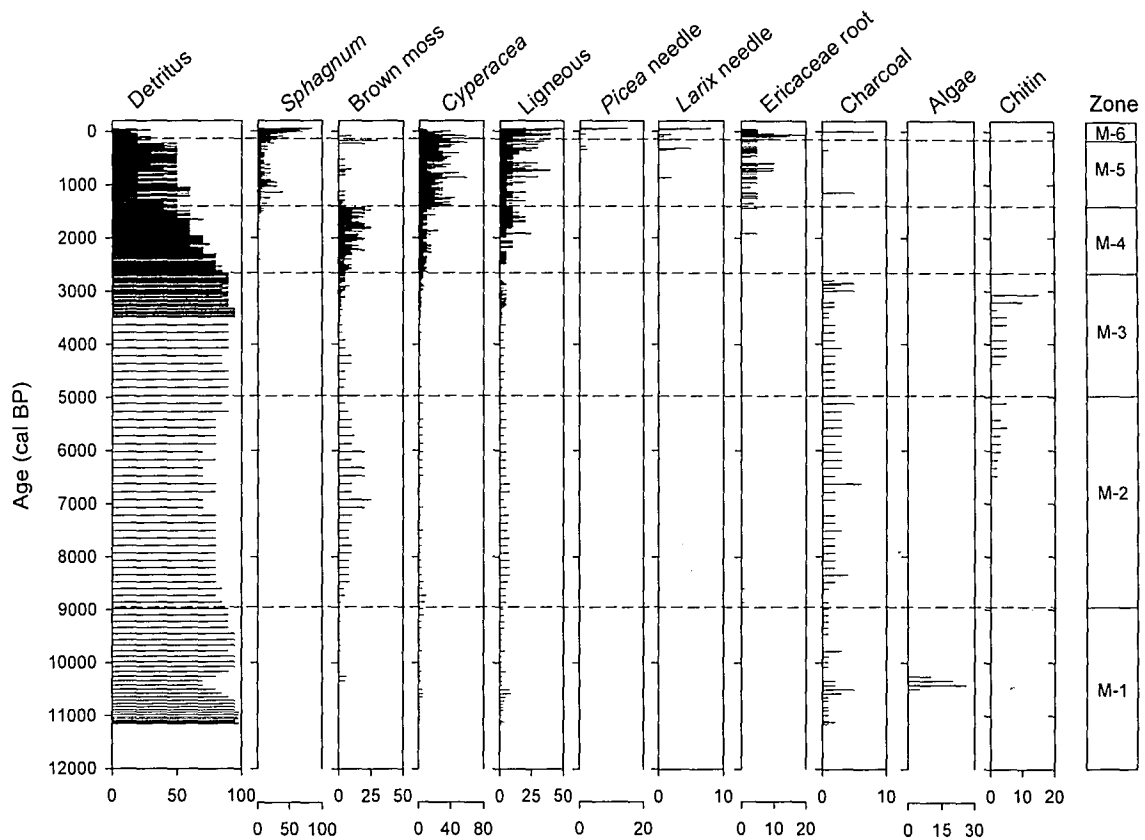


**Figure 11** Humification for peat samples from the top 400 cm at 10-cm sampling interval measured as percent of transmission at 540 nm. The horizontal line ( $\bar{x}$ ) is the numerical average of humification (61.5%) in the last 3500 years.

#### 4.4 Macrofossil Record

Five plant macrofossil zones have been identified by visual inspection of dominant components (Figure 12). The macrofossil results show that the basal “peat” (11-9 ka) is dominated by filamentous green alga, woody material and charcoal with low brown moss leaves, suggesting an open water environment (zone M-1, Figure 12). Zone M-2 (9-5 ka) is dominated by brown moss leaves and stems with low abundance of woody materials and Cyperaceae leaves, which indicates a characteristic of rich fen vegetation. Zone M-3 (5-2.7 ka) is characterized by decline of brown moss, prevailing absence of Cyperaceae, and high abundance of fine debris, indicating a dry condition.

Zone M-4 (2.7-1.4 ka) shows a recovery of brown moss abundance with a decrease of detritus component toward the top of the zone. There is a major shift of dominant plant macrofossil from M-4 to M-5. Zone M-5 (1.4-0.2 ka) is characterized by the high abundance in Cyperaceae leaves and roots, increased abundance of *Larix* needles, Ericaceae leaves and roots, and woody fragments, presence of low abundant *Sphagnum* leaves, and the absence of brown moss. Zone M-6 (0.2 ka -present) is dominated by *Sphagnum* leaves and stems, *Picea* and *Larix* needles, Ericaceae leaves and roots, and decreased Cyperaceae leaves and roots. In this zone, brown moss leaves are only present in a few samples at ~250-200 years BP and may indicate a wet event during this time period. Microscopic charcoal pieces are present in all five zones, but tend to be more abundant before 3 ka. Filamentous green alga was present before 10 ka, indicating a lake or pond environment. Insect remains (e.g., chitin) were most abundant in zone M-2 and zone M-3.



**Figure 12** Plant macrofossil diagram of core TB07-1 from Tannersville Bog.

#### 4.5 Pollen Record

Pollen diagram for core TB07-1 is divided to six pollen zones based on CONISS dendrogram using the pollen types with a maximum abundance >2% (Figure 13). The basal zone P-1 (11.1-11 ka) has 50% *Pinus*, 30% *Betula*, ~5% *Picea*, <10% *Quercus*, and low amounts of *Tsuga*, *Alnus*, *Fraxinus*, *Populus*, and other herbs and ferns. This zone represents the end of the spruce-dominated woodland before the Holocene (Deevey 1939; Watts 1979). Zone P-2 (11-9.8 ka) has 20-60% *Pinus*, 10-40% *Quercus*, 10% *Tsuga*, <5% *Picea* and *Betula*, and other herbs and ferns. This zone represents a mixed forest at

the very early Holocene. Zone P-3 (9.8-4.9 ka) is dominated by *Quercus* (50-60%) and *Tsuga* (~20%), with <10% of *Pinus*, *Betula*, *Fagus* and others, representing a mixed oak forest during the early Holocene. Compared with zone P-3, zone P-4 (4.9-2.9 ka) is characterized by the low *Tsuga* pollen to 0-2% and more *Pinus* (10-20%) and *Picea* (~5%) pollen and the presence of *Osmunda* spores. This zone represents a dry climate. In zone P-5 (2.9-0.22 ka), *Tsuga* pollen recovered to 10%, associated with an increase in *Picea*, *Carya*, *Fagus*, Ericaceae, *Nuphar*, *Salix*, Poaceae pollen and *Sphagnum* spores. The very top zone P-6 (0.22 ka-present) is characterized by a sudden increase in *Ambrosia*, Ericaceae and Cyperaceae pollen. *Sphagnum* spores are present almost throughout the profile but increase in the last 3000 years (to 15%).

The pollen concentration calculated for each zone at Tannersville Bog ranges from 20,000 to 500,000 grains/cm<sup>3</sup> (Figure 14 and Table 2). The age-depth model and chronology in Figure 9 were used to calculate sedimentation rates and pollen accumulation rates ranging from 8,000 to 117,000 grains/cm<sup>2</sup>/yr (Table 2).



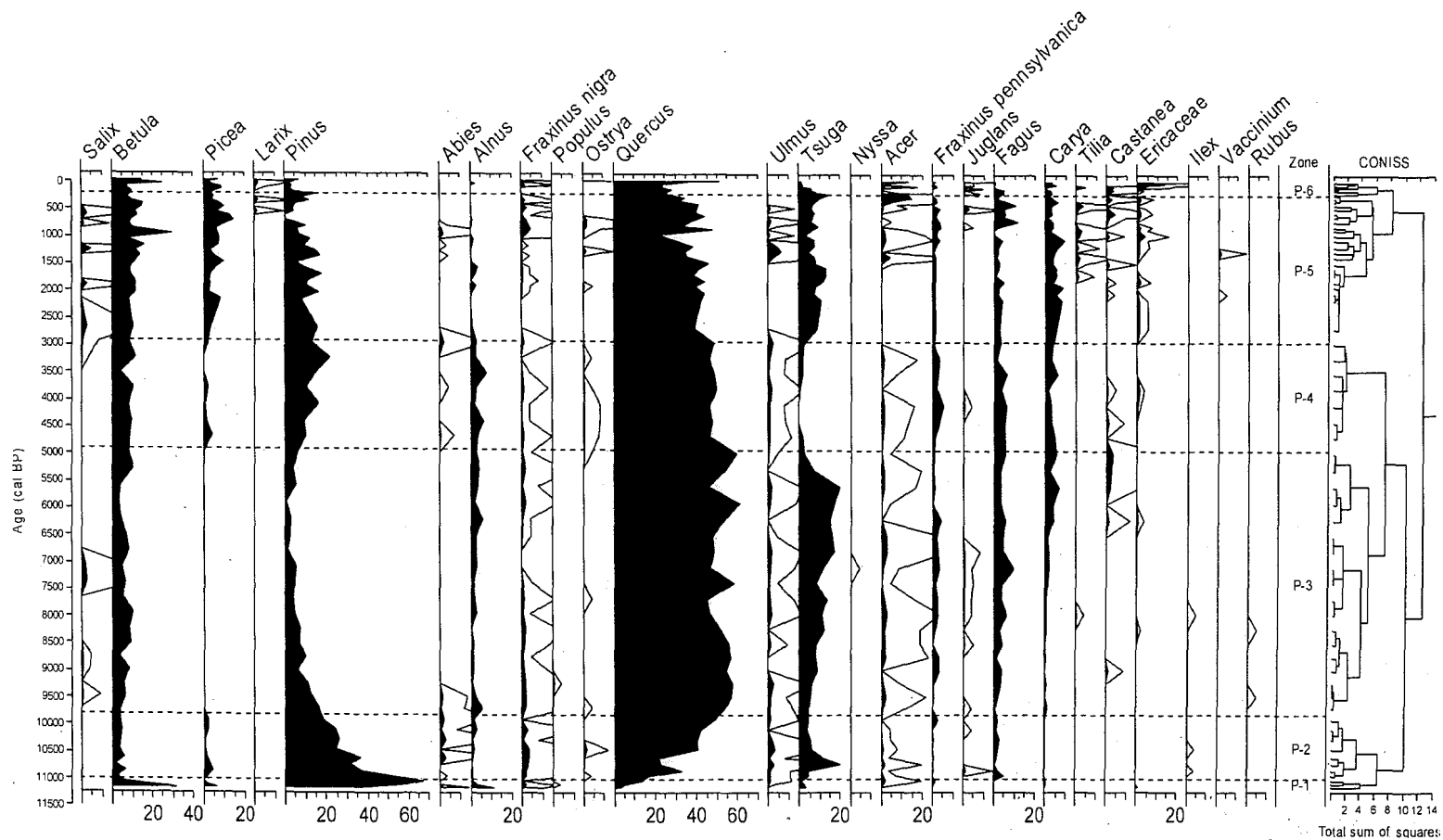


Figure 13 Pollen diagram of core TB07-1 at Tannersville Bog.

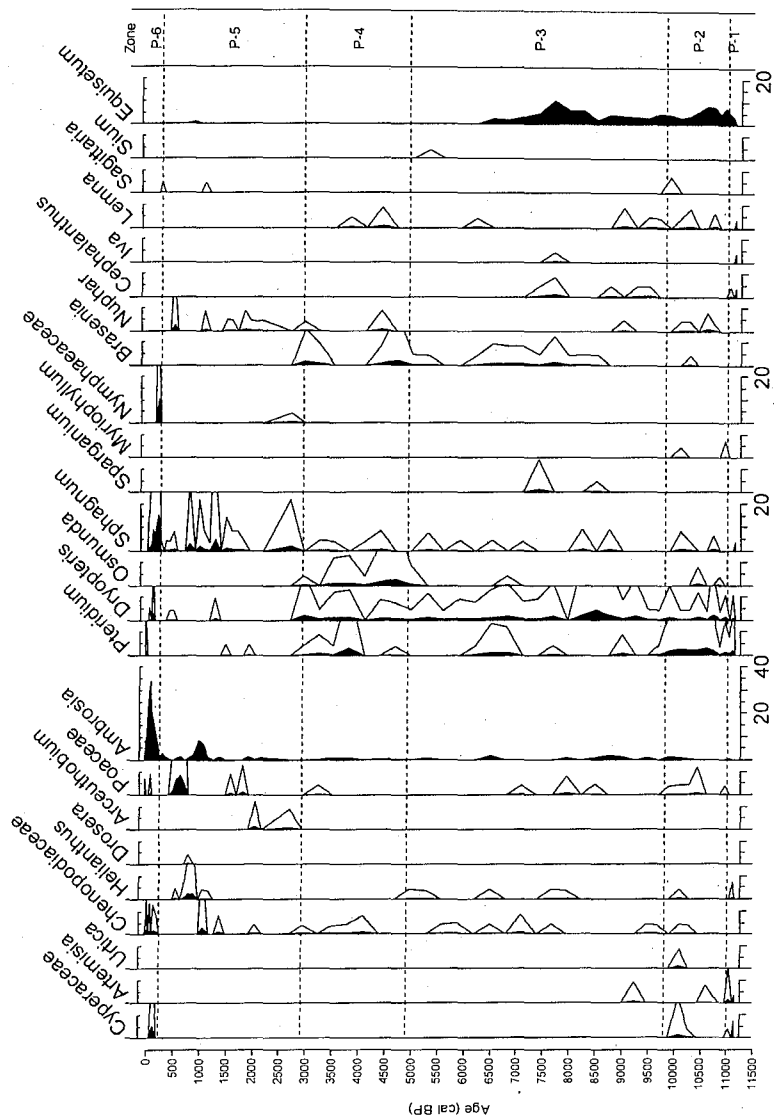
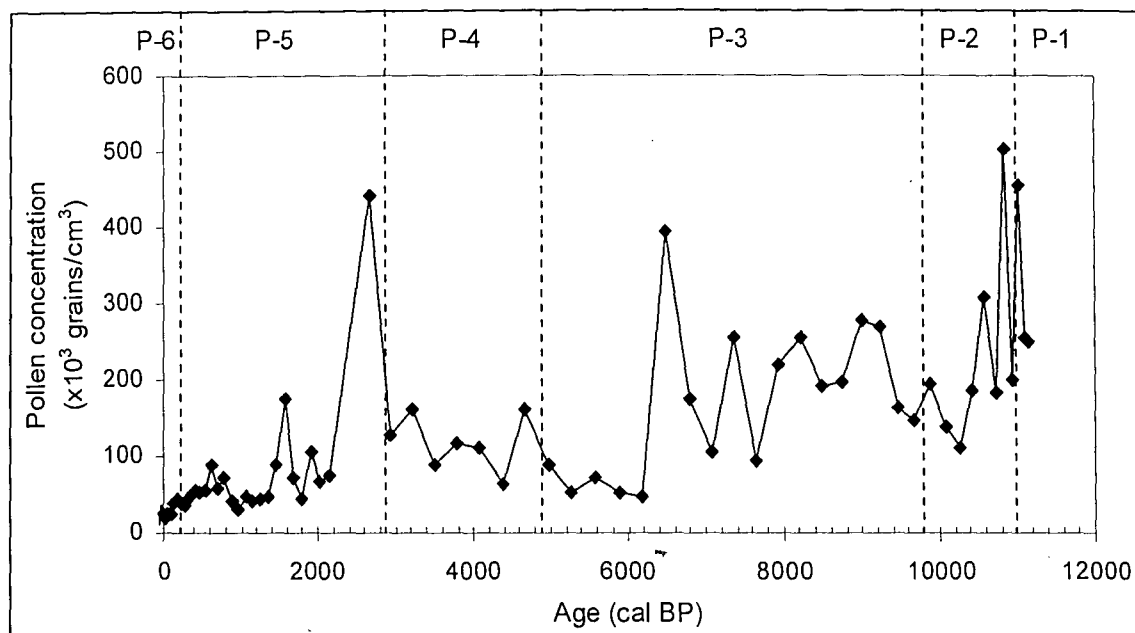


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**Figure 14** Total pollen concentrations at Tannersville Bog.

**Table 2** Pollen concentration and accumulation rates from each pollen zone at Tannersville Bog.

Pollen zone (this study)	New England pollen Zone (Deevey 1939)	Pollen concentration ( $\times 10^3$ grains/cm <sup>3</sup> )	Pollen accumulation rate ( $\times 10^3$ grains/cm <sup>2</sup> /yr)	Pollen accumulation rate at equivalent zones in Watts (1979) ( $\times 10^3$ grains/cm <sup>2</sup> /yr)
P-6 (last 200 years)	Present	40	9	n/d
P-5 (mixed oak)	C3 (oak forest)	50-450	8	n/d
P-4 (hemlock decline)	C2 (hemlock minimum)	150	8	12
P-3 (pine minimum)	C1 (oak forest)	50-400	13	10-16
P-2 (pine peak)	B (mixed forest)	100-500	34	22
P-1 (mixed forest)	A (spruce woodland)	300	117	17

#### 4.6 Testate Amoebae and Water Table Depth Reconstruction

Twenty-six testate amoebae taxa have been identified in the upper 3.4-m section (the last 2700 years) of Tannersville Bog core TB07-1 (Figure 15). The maximum abundance of each identified taxa is larger than 5%, though their abundance varied widely. Four zones were defined by stratigraphically constrained cluster analysis using CONISS, and descriptions of these zones are presented in Table 3.

**Table 3** Testate amoeba zone descriptions for core TB07-1 at Tannersville Bog.

Zone	Depth (cm)	Age range (cal BP)	Dominant taxa	Zone description
A-4	0-58	80 to -57	<i>Hyalosphenia subflava</i> <i>Nebela militaris/minor</i>	<i>Cyclopyxis-Phryganella</i> , <i>Arcella discoides</i> , <i>Diffflugia</i> <i>pulex</i> , <i>Euglypha</i> spp. and <i>Trigonopyxis arcula</i> are variably abundant in this zone.
A-3	58-85	200-80	<i>Centropyxis aculeate</i> , <i>Hyalosphenia papilio</i>	<i>Amphitrema flavum</i> and <i>Hyalosphenia papilio</i> and <i>H.</i> <i>elegans</i> all increase, <i>Arcella</i> <i>discoides</i> decreases in abundance toward the top of the zone.
A-2	85-235	1400-200	<i>Amphitrema flavum</i> , <i>Centropyxis aculeate</i> , <i>Hyalosphenia sphagni</i>	<i>Arcella discoides</i> , <i>Hyalosphenia</i> <i>papilio</i> , <i>H. subflava</i> , and <i>Nebela</i> <i>militaris/minor</i> are variably abundant in this zone. Taxa diversity increased while several species were present for short time period.
A-1	235-340	2670-1400	<i>Centropyxis aculeate</i>	The abundance of <i>Nebela</i> <i>griseola</i> is variable. Sixteen species present.

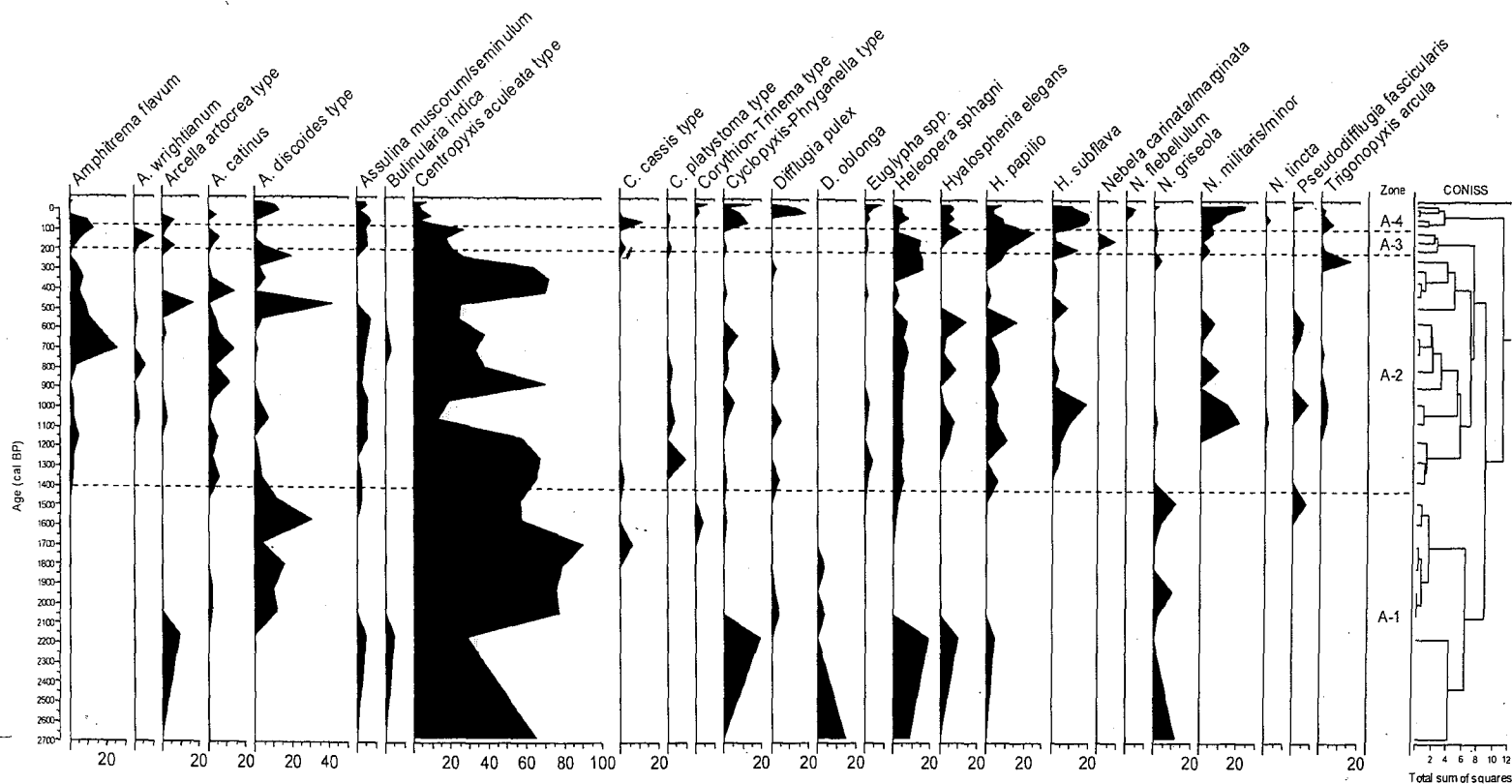
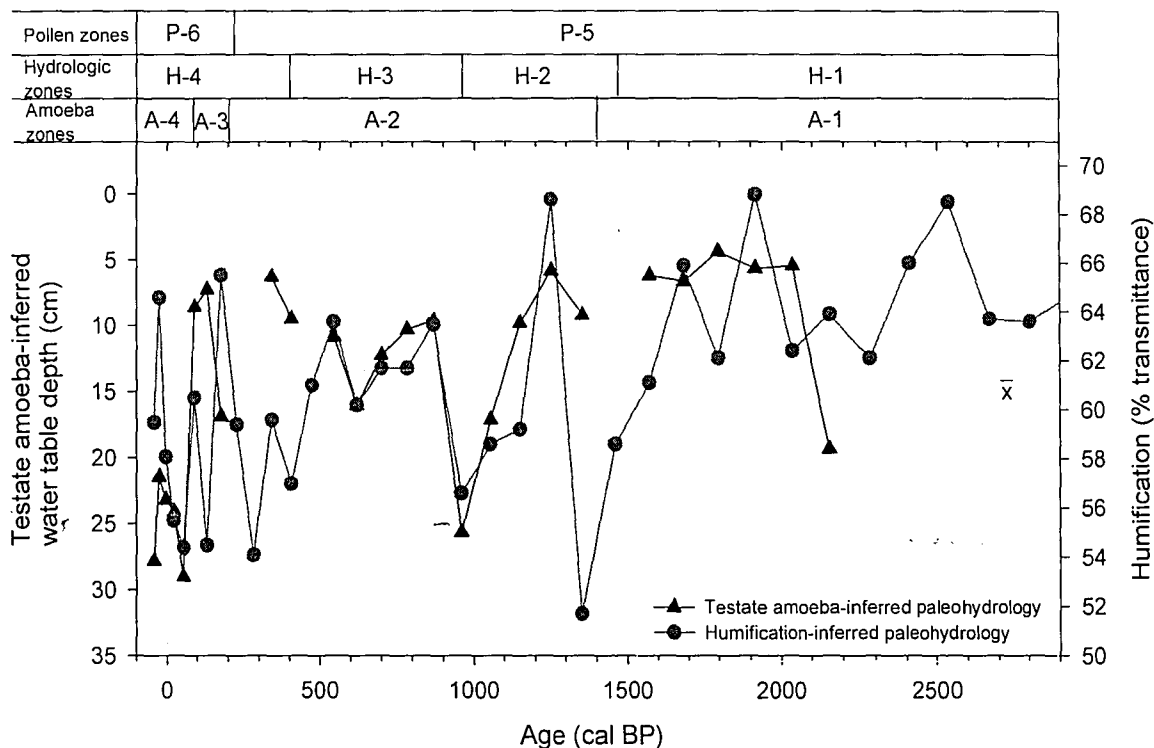


Figure 15 Testate amoebae diagram of core TB07-1 from Tannersville Bog.

The reconstructed water-table depth is shown in Figure 16. Zone A-1 (2670-1400 years BP) has a low water-table depth (5 cm), suggesting wet conditions. Zone A-2 (1400-200 years BP) has a low and fluctuated water-table depth (5-25 cm) compared to zone A-1. Zone A-3 (200-80 years BP) has an intermediate to low water-table depth of 16-7 cm. Zone A-4 (80 years BP – present) has the largest water-table depth of ~27 cm, suggesting the driest condition during the last 2700 years.

The water-table depths and the degree of peat humification show similar patterns although humification is more sensitive to the variation of substrate moisture conditions than testate amoebae is (Figure 16). Pollen, humification, and testate amoebae zones are also summarized in Figure 16. Pollen zone P-5 generally corresponds to testate amoeba zone A-1 and A-2 and hydrologic zone H-1 to H-3. Testate amoebae and humification both indicate that H-1 and A-1 (2300-1450 years BP) was the wettest time period in the last 2700 years, while pollen zone P-5 represents a recover of *Tsuga* abundance during this time period. Testate amoebae zone A-2 approximately includes hydrologic zones H-2, H-3 and part of zone H-4, except that H-2 (1460-960 years BP) started a few decades ahead of A-2. The major shift from wet to dry conditions from 1400 to 900 BP was recorded by both humification and testate amoebae. Zone H-4 (400 BP-present), corresponding to P-6 and A-3 & A-4, is characterized by fluctuating moisture conditions which is also indicated by testate amoebae-inferred water-table depth.

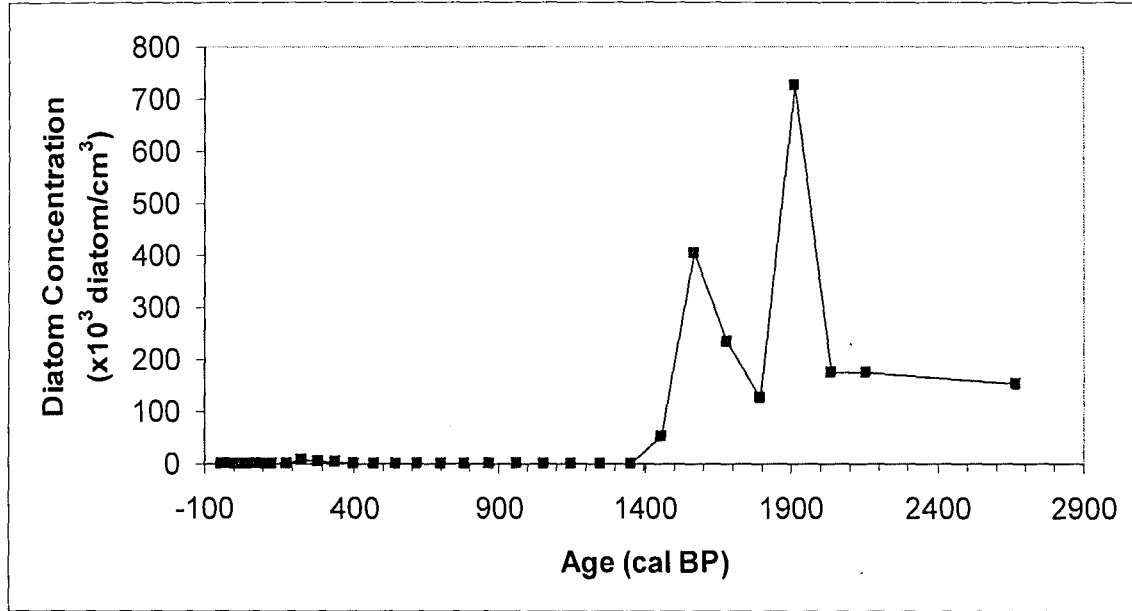


**Figure 16** Testate amoeba-inferred water-table depth ( $r^2 = 0.76$ , RMSEP = 7.7) and peat humification-inferred paleohydrology of the upper 3.4-m section of core TB07-1. Gaps in testate amoeba-inferred water-table depth represent the intervals that reliable reconstructions can not be obtained due to low abundance of testate amoebae (amoebae sum < 50).

#### 4.7 Diatom Abundance

The diatom concentration from the upper 340 cm peat core (the last 2700 years) shows large variations (Figure 17). Diatom has the highest concentrations up to  $8 \times 10^6$  valves/cm<sup>3</sup> in the lower part of this section (2700-1400 years BP). From 1400 to 340 years BP, the concentrations are lower than 2000 valves/cm<sup>3</sup> or absent. From 340 to 230 years BP, diatom increased to high concentrations of 4000-8000 valves/cm<sup>3</sup>. In the upper part of the sediment spanning the last 230 years, diatom valves are absent. The high abundance of diatom corresponded with the high abundance of brown moss macrofossils

and the high carbonate content at 2700-1400 years BP and at 340-230 years BP, suggesting wet or open water environments.

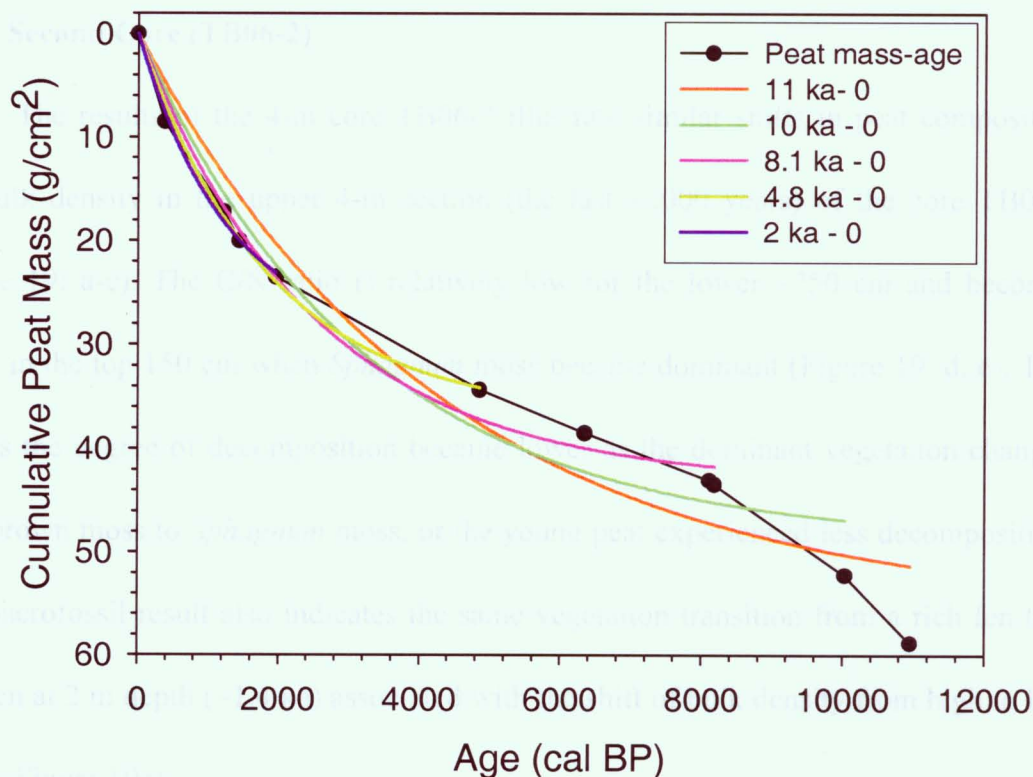


**Figure 17** Diatom concentration counted from pollen/testate amoebae slides for the upper 3.4-m section of core TB07-1 (the last 2700 years).

#### 4.8 Conceptual Modeling Results

The cumulative peat mass-age profile over the last ~11 ka based on 11 calibrated <sup>14</sup>C dates and 268 ash-free bulk density measurements shows a concave curve, similar to the patterns of oceanic bogs rather than continental fens (Figure 18). Fitted curves from different intervals and estimated parameters are shown in Table 4. Both peat-addition rates ( $p$ ) and catotelm decomposition rates ( $\alpha$ ) increased with shorter length of records analyzed, from  $129 \text{ g m}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$  and  $0.00023 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (for the last 10 ka) to  $233 \text{ g m}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$  and  $0.00079 \text{ yr}^{-1}$  (for the last 2 ka).





**Figure 18** Cumulative peat mass-age profile and fitting curves for Tannersville Bog. The values of corresponded parameters are listed in Table 4.

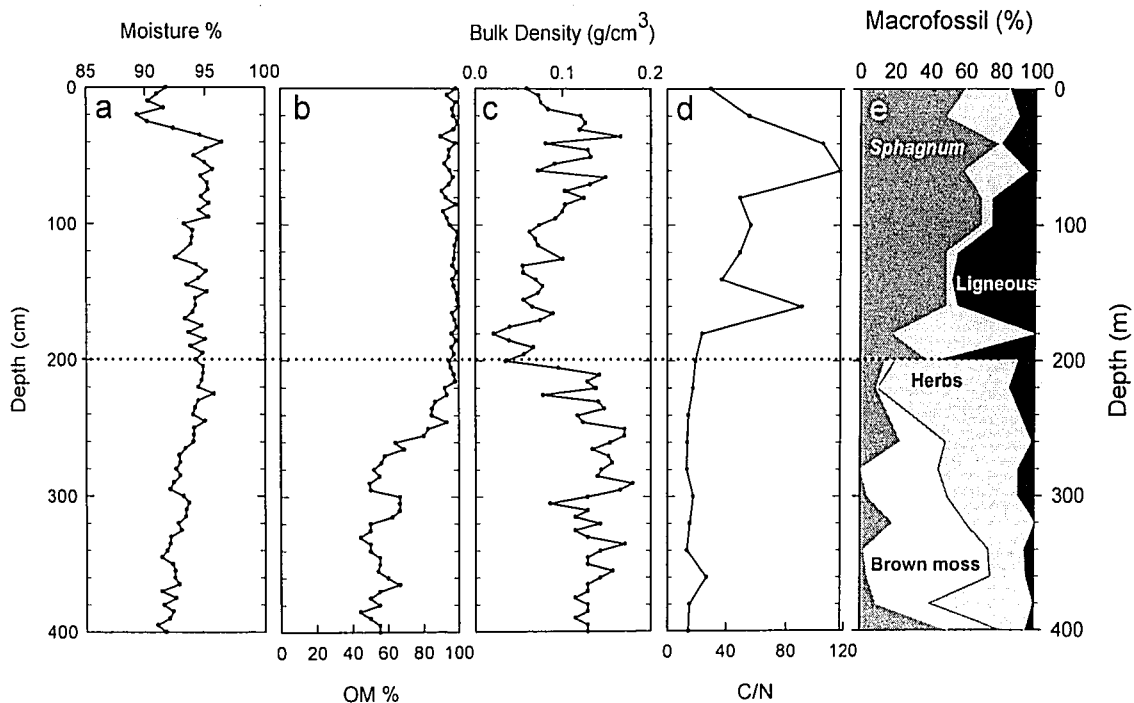
**Table 4** Estimates of long-term peat accumulation parameters (peat-addition rate and decomposition rate) by using a curve fitting analysis.

Age range (ka BP)	$p$ ( $\text{g m}^{-2}\text{yr}^{-1}$ )	$\alpha$ ( $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )
11-0	129.2	$2.3 \times 10^{-4}$
10-0	152.2	$3.1 \times 10^{-4}$
8.1-0	174.4	$4.0 \times 10^{-4}$
4.8-0	198.9	$5.4 \times 10^{-4}$
2-0	232.6	$7.9 \times 10^{-4}$

**Figure 19** (lithology, moisture content, organic matter content, dry-free bulk density), C/N ratio, and plant macrofossil of core T306-2 from Tannersville Bog (analyzed by the EF525P Terrestrial Ecology class in fall 2006).

#### 4.9 Second Core (TB06-2)

The results of the 4-m core TB06-2 illustrate similar shifts in peat composition and bulk density in the upper 4-m section (the last ~4000 years) of the core TB07-1 (Figure 19: a-c). The C/N ratio is relatively low for the lower ~250 cm and becomes higher in the top 150 cm when *Sphagnum* moss became dominant (Figure 19: d, e). This implies the degree of decomposition became lower as the dominant vegetation changed from brown moss to *Sphagnum* moss, or the young peat experienced less decomposition. The macrofossil result also indicates the same vegetation transition from a rich fen to a poor fen at 2 m depth (~1.4 ka) associated with the shift of bulk density from high to low values (Figure 19e).



**Figure 19** Lithology (moisture content, organic matter content, ash-free bulk density), C/N ratio, and plant macrofossil of core TB06-2 from Tannersville Bog (analyzed by the EES250 Terrestrial Ecosystem class in fall 2006).

## 5 Discussion

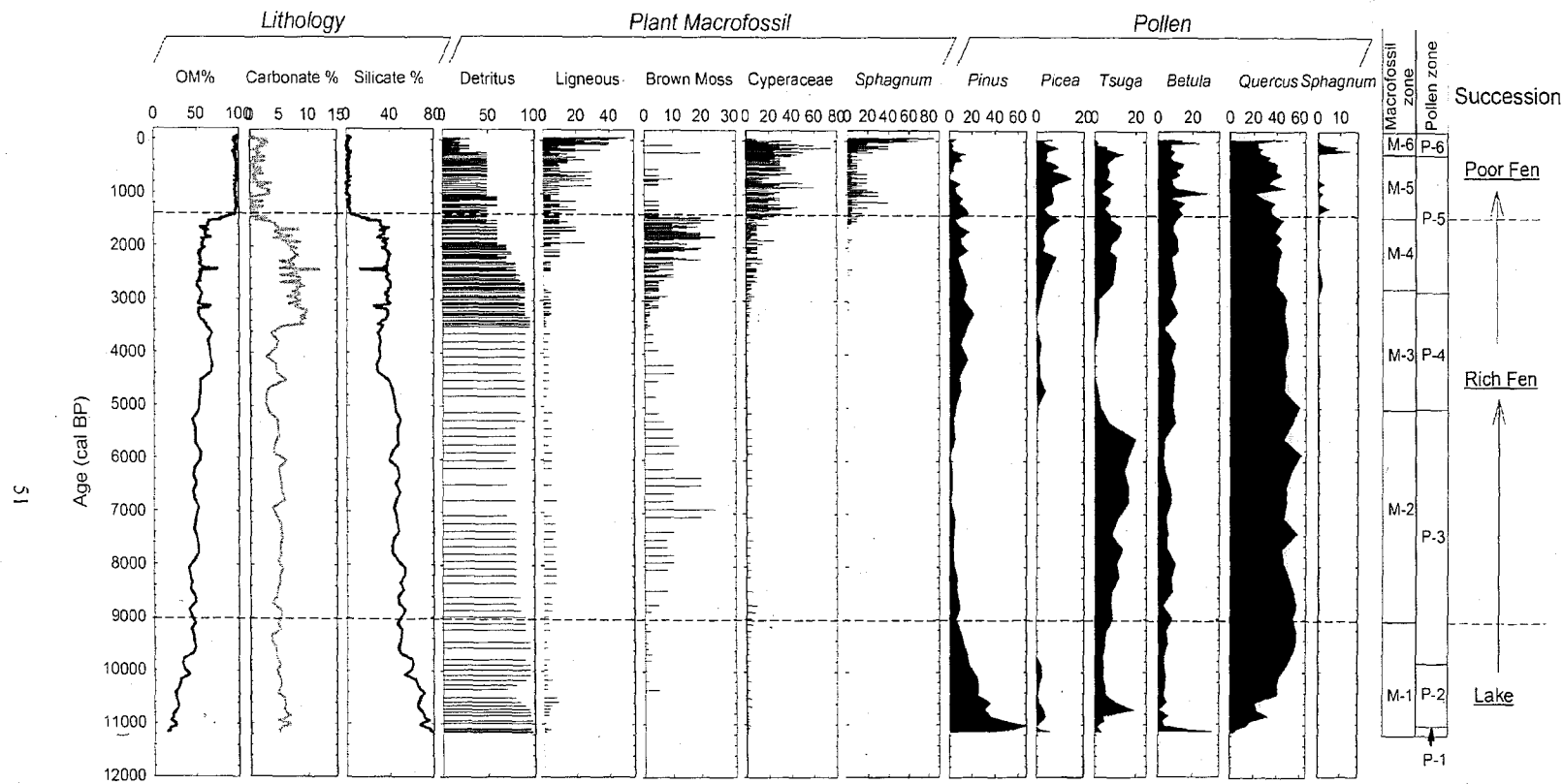
### 5.1 Peatland Development at Tannersville Bog

Tannersville Bog was initiated by the terrestrialization (lake infilling) of a glacial lake, as suggested by the abundance of non-carbonate minerals (i.e., silicate) (Figure 20) and the presence of aquatic fossils (e.g., green algae) and pollen (e.g., *Nuphar*) (Figure 12 and Figure 13). Gehris (1964) and Hirsch (1977) described the silty clay layer deposited beneath the peat in detail (see section 2). Both of the authors indicated that the peat is underlain by gray silty clay over bedrock at Tannersville Bog. Watts (1979) suggested that the lake-filling process started shortly after 8 ka and the “bog” (poor fen) environment had been established at about 4 ka. Peat initiation at Tannersville Bog might have responded to a warm climate in the early Holocene (Fisher et al. 1995). A gradual increase in organic matter content and presence of brown mosses from 11 to 9 ka (Figure 20) suggests increasing primary productivity of aquatic plants. Brown moss started to increase in abundance at 9 ka, probably extending laterally around the coring site.

During the period of 9 to 5 ka, the brown moss leaves and stems dominated the macrofossil records at Tannersville Bog, while oak and hemlock pollen reached their highest values (Figure 20). Organic matter content increased slowly with a gradual decrease in carbonate and silicate contents in the sediments, which suggests the establishment of a stable rich fen environment during this time period. Brown moss macrofossils decline and fine debris (detritus) increase (to >90%) from 5 to 2.7 ka

(Figure 20), suggesting high decomposition during a dry climate interval. This time period corresponded with the decline of hemlock pollen from 5.5 to 3 ka, the slight increase in organic matter content and decrease in silicate content at Tannersville Bog. The decline of hemlock pollen has been documented in many studies (e.g., Foster et al. 2006), which corresponded with a dry time period inferred from low lake levels in northeastern North America (e.g., Yu et al. 1997). For example, it has been argued that this dry event was affected a dry climate at mid-Holocene which was driven by the change in atmospheric circulation patterns in North America. After 2.7 ka, brown moss recovered to become the dominant plant, along with a slightly increased abundance of sedges.

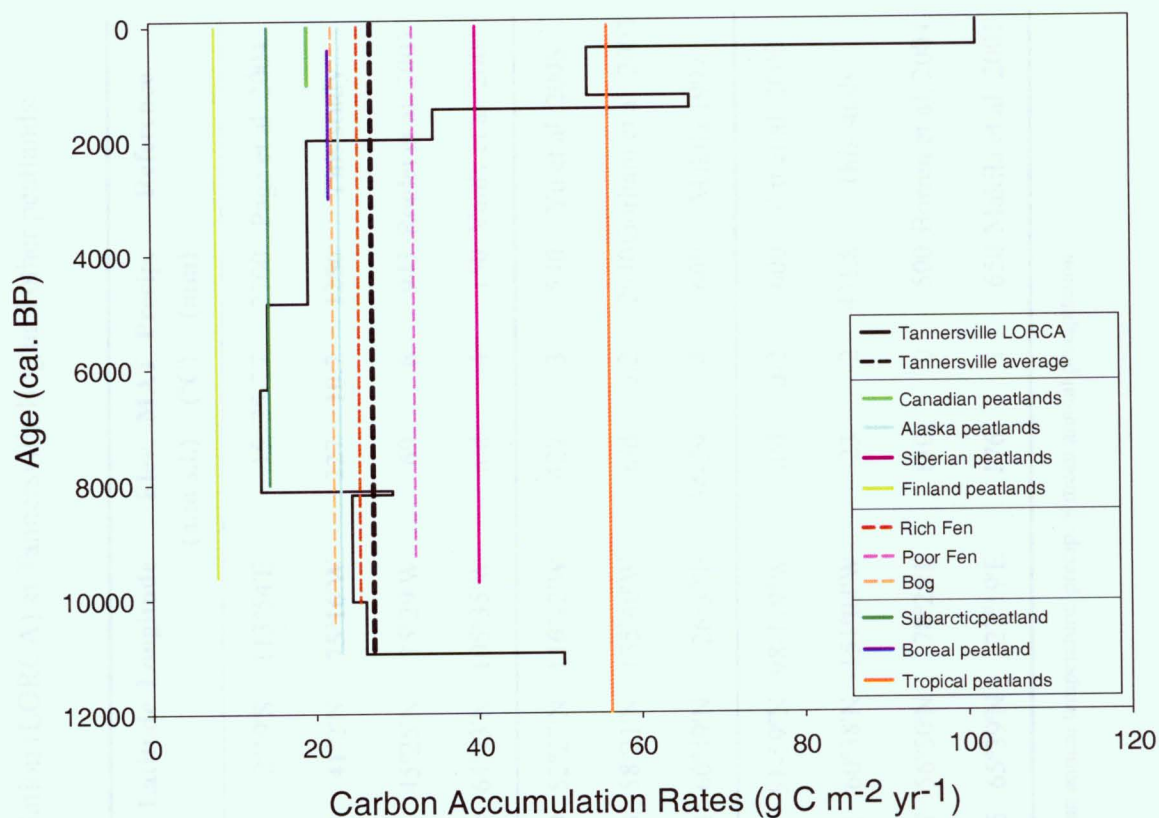
The transition from a rich fen to a poor fen at ~1.4 ka was characterized by decreased brown mosses, increased sedges and *Sphagnum*, as well as decreased input of ground water, suggested by decreased carbonate content (Figure 20). The increased organic matter content and decreased bulk density during the transition were the result of decreased carbonate content and silicate content, as well as the slow decomposition of *Sphagnum* litter (van Breemen 1995; Verhoeven and Liefveld 1997). A decrease in hemlock at the same time implied a dry condition (Figure 20). Watts (1979) illustrated a very similar shift of organic matter content and an increase in oak pollen percentage at a comparable time around 1.4 ka at Tannersville Bog.



**Figure 20** Correlation of lithology, plant macrofossil and pollen results core TB07-1 from Tannersville Bog.

## 5.2 Rates and Pattern of Carbon Accumulation

Long-term apparent rates of carbon accumulation range from 13.4 to 101.2 g C m<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> (Figure 21), which were calculated from 268 ash-free bulk density measurements (Figure 10e) and peat vertical growth rates (Figure 9) using the average carbon content of peat organic matter (51.8%) derived from peatlands in continental western Canada (Vitt et al. 2000). The apparent rates at Tannersville Bog started an increasing trend from ~8 ka and reached the highest value in the last 400 years. The long-term (time weighted) average rate of carbon accumulation for core TB07-1 from Tannersville Bog is 27.2 g C m<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> for the last 11.1 ka or 27.3 g C m<sup>-1</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> for the last 8.2 ka. This value is higher than the rates of subarctic and boreal peatlands (Figure 21, Table 5), such as peatlands in western Canada (Vitt et al. 2000), eastern Canada (Roulet et al. 2007), Alaska (Cai and Yu unpublished data), northwestern Canada (Vardy et al. 2000), and Finland (Makila 1997; Makila et al. 2001).



**Figure 21** Comparison of apparent carbon accumulation rates at Tannersville Bog and long term apparent rates of carbon accumulation (LORCA) from other peatlands. See Table 5 for details and references.

**Table 5** Comparison of long-term rates of carbon accumulation (LORCA) at Tannersville Bog and other peatlands.

Type	Site	Peatland Type	LORCA (gC/m <sup>2</sup> /yr)	Period (ka)	Latitude	Longitude	Elev. (a.m.s.l.)	MAT (°C)	Precip. (mm)	Reference
Tropical	Kalimantan, Indonesia	n/d	56.2	8.6-9.5	2°19'S	113°54'E	15	25-27	2700	Page et al. 2004
<b>Temperate</b>	<b>Tannersville Bog, PA</b>	<b>Poor Fen</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>0.4-8.3</b>	<b>41°2'N</b>	<b>75°16'W</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>This study</b>
Boreal	Mer Bleue, ON	Bog	21.9	0.4-3	45°25'N	75°29'W	69	6	943	Roulet et al. 2007
Subarctic	Western Nunavut	Fen	14.5	8-0	64°43'N	105°35'W	n/d	-4	150	Vardy et al. 2000
Rich fen	Goldeye Lake, AB	Rich fen	25.5	0-10	52°27'N	116°12'W	427	3	540	Yu et al. 2006
Poor fen	Peatland Island, AK	Poor fen	32.3	0-9.3	58°21'N	135°40'W	n/d	5.2	2940	Gorham et al. 2003
Bog	Haukkasuo, Finland	Bog	22.3	0-10.4	60°49'N	26°57'E	54-59	4	600	Makila 1997
Canadian	Western CA	Fens	19.4	0-1	51-59°N	98-119°W	n/d	0-2	600	Vitt et al. 2000
Alaska	No Name Creek, AK	Poor fen	23.2	0-11	60°38'N	151°04'W	23	-2	431.8	This study
Siberian	Plotnikovo	Bog	40	0-9.7	56°50'N	78°25'E	130	0	500	Borren et al. 2004
Finland	Ruosuo mire	Mire	8	0-9.6	65°39'N	27°19'E	176	1	650	Makila et al. 2001

Notes: n/d = no data; Elev. = elevation; a.m.s.l. = meter above sea level; MAT = mean annual temperature; precip. = mean annual precipitation.



The high rate of carbon accumulation at Tannersville Bog could result from high primary production or low peat decomposition or both. The significant higher peat addition rate ( $p$ ) and similar peat decomposition rate ( $\alpha$ ) at Tannersville Bog, compared to those in boreal peatlands (Table 6) (Clymo 1984; Yu et al. 2003), indicate that the higher primary production have more likely contributed to the high rate of carbon accumulation at Tannersville Bog, because of warmer and wetter climate characterizing temperate regions than that in boreal regions. Table 6 also shows that the net primary production of peatlands in temperate regions is around four times of the production of peatlands in boreal regions (Carroll and Crill 1997; Wieder et al. 2006).

**Table 6** Comparison of peat addition rate and decomposition rate at Tannersville Bog with boreal peatlands, and net annual primary production in temperate and boreal regions.

Peatland	Region	Peat addition rate ( $p$ , $\text{g m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$ )	Decomposition rate ( $\alpha$ , $\text{yr}^{-1}$ )	Reference
Tannersville Bog, PA	Temperate	174	$4 \times 10^{-4}$	This study
Upper Pinto Fen, AB	Boreal	26	$3.7 \times 10^{-4}$	Yu et al. 2003
Finland	Boreal	~50	$10^{-4}$	Clymo 1984
Siberian	Boreal	42	$10^{-5}$	Borren et al. 2004
Region	Net annual primary production of peatlands		Reference	
	$\text{g m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$	$\text{g C m}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$		
Temperate	~1800	~900	Wieder et al. 2006	
Boreal	~500	~250	Carroll and Crill 1997	

Temperature and moisture are the most important factors influencing the rates of carbon accumulation and decomposition. Temperature can affect carbon sequestration through controlling the processes of photosynthesis and respiration (Carroll and Crill 1997). The mean annual temperature at Tannersville Bog is much higher than all the boreal regions (Table 5), which may provide a favorable environment for plant growth under a longer growing season and shorter freezing season compared to boreal regions. Although higher decomposition rates have been expected under higher temperature in temperate region (Davidson and Janssens 2006), inferred decomposition rate at Tannersville Bog is similar to those of boreal peatlands (Table 6) which may be the result of a high and stable water table maintained by significantly higher and evenly distributed precipitation among seasons in northeastern Pennsylvania, and by the beneficial hydrology at Tannersville Bog such as the nearby stream and the partially floating property .

Precipitation controls the moisture available to vegetation and the water-table depth of peatlands which affects the anoxic decomposition and therefore carbon accumulation. Northeastern Pennsylvania has a mean annual precipitation of 1200-1600 mm (NOAA data), which is almost double of the precipitation at most of the boreal peatlands (Table 5). Gorham et al. (2003) reported a higher LORCA value of a poor fen from Peatland Island, Alaska ( $32.3 \text{ g C m}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ ) associated with a high annual precipitation of 2940 mm. A tropical peatland studied by Page et al. (2004) also has a

great value of annual precipitation (2700 mm) and a high LORCA of  $56.2 \text{ g C m}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$ , which appears to support the significant influence of precipitation on primary production and further the rate of carbon accumulation. Borren et al. (2004) reported a high LORCA of  $40 \text{ g C m}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1}$  from a Siberian peatland (Table 5), with a peat addition rate similar to those for boreal peatlands (Table 6); but the peat-addition rate is 10 times lower than Tannersville Bog, probably due to low annual precipitation.

Besides the environmental controls of temperature and precipitation regimes on primary production and decomposition, some other environmental factors should also be considered during the processes of peat accumulation, including hydrology, microbial communities, nutrients, and light. Tannersville Bog has a watery pocket at the depth of 1.5-2 m which varies in thickness during the year (Maura Sullivan, 2008 personal communication). The floating character tends to have a high rate of peat accumulation due to the special hydrology (Campbell et al. 1997; Asada et al. 2005), which further influence the microbial communities and decomposition of the upper part of the peatland (Dickinson 1983). Nutrient availability is generally higher at minerotrophic fens than bogs, while competition for light tends to be high at sites with high productivity and low in peatlands lack of nutrients (Rydin and Jeglum 2006). The floating property of Tannersville Bog is suggested to contribute to the low decomposition indicated by the low humification (high transmittance) during the last 2000 years, comparing with other similar floating peatlands and non-floating peatlands in North America (Sousa 2008).

Therefore, the low decomposition during the late Holocene might also have contributed to the high carbon accumulation rates at this study site.

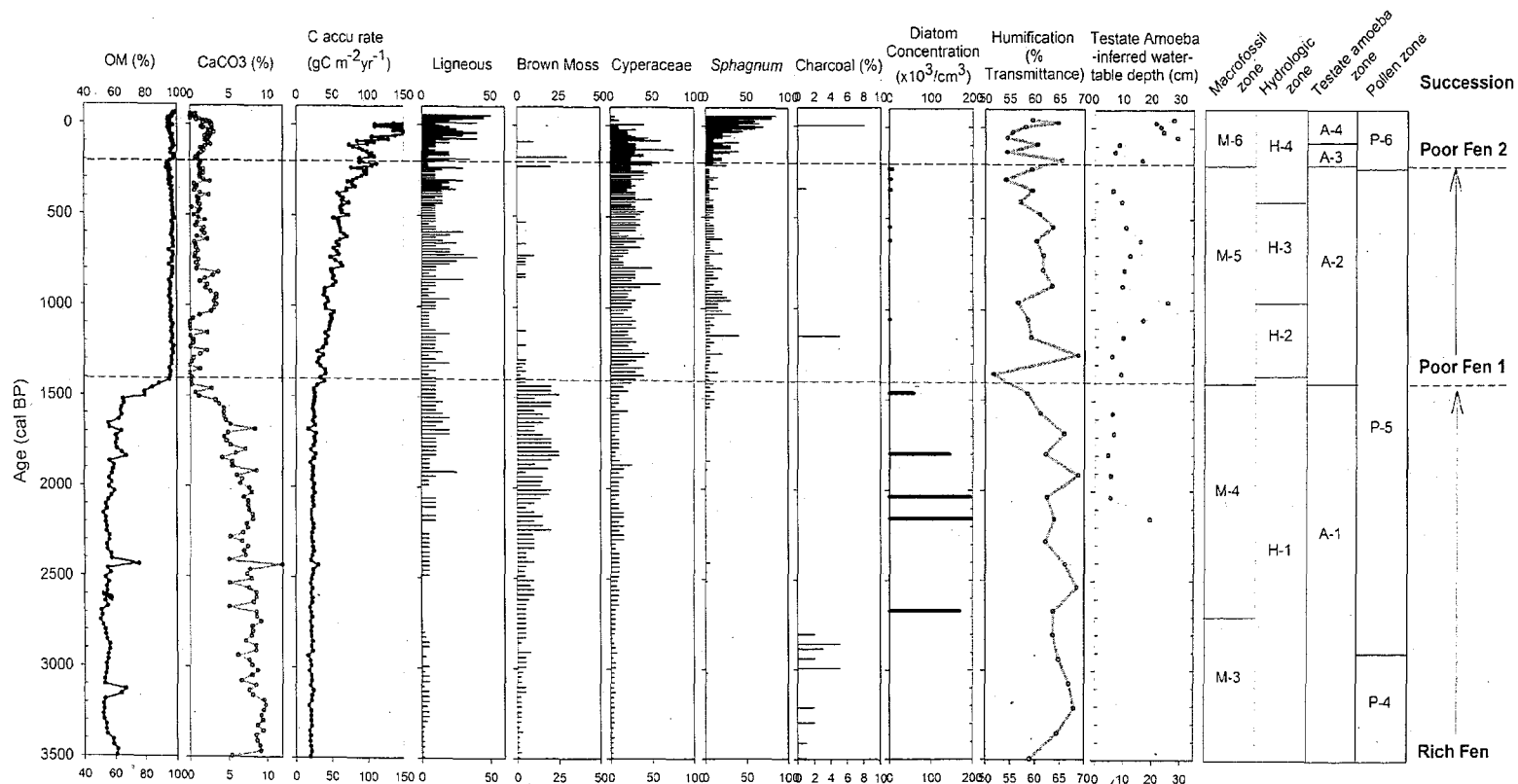
### **5.3 Autogenic and Allogenic Controls of Peatland Succession**

It has been suggested that autogenic processes play a major role in the development of peatlands (hydrosere succession: aquatic → rich fen → poor fen → bog), such that the establishment of *Sphagnum* follows the transition to a bog eventually (Tansley 1939; Rydin and Jeglum 2006). However, many paleoecological studies on peatlands show that allogenic factors, such as climate change and human impact, can affect the pattern of change and the timing of the transitions along the classic pathway of peatland development (Walker 1970; Foster 1984; Campbell et al. 1997; Huber and Markgraf 2003; Booth et al. 2004). The transition at Tannersville Bog from a rich fen to a poor fen at ~1.4 ka (Figure 22) was associated with the transition of testate amoebae and humification zones from A-1 to A-2 and H-1 to H-2, respectively. The association between plant macrofossil-inferred local vegetation change and testate amoebae and humification-inferred hydrologic change indicates that the transition of vegetation succession might have been triggered by allogenic factor such as hydrologic change at the study area. The decreased carbonate content might have resulted from a decreasing groundwater input to the peatland, which is also supported by the suppressed diatom frequency and the shift from wet to dry in humification-inferred moisture conditions (Figure 22).

A dry event at ~1.3 ka was inferred from a low lake level time period based on paleomagnetic records at White Lake in New Jersey (Li et al. 2007). This dry event might have corresponded with the hydrologic change (~1.4 ka) at Tannersville Bog. Slight age offsets between these two records are probably within the uncertainties of radiocarbon dating at both sites. Li et al. (2007) suggested that the dry event with the other three low lake level records at about 3.0, 4.4 and 6.1 ka are likely a response to the cold periods in the North Atlantic Ocean occurred every 1500 years during the Holocene (Bond et al. 2001). Bond et al. (2001) observed this millennial-scale cycle from changes in proxies of drift ice measured in deep-sea sediments. They argued that a solar forcing mechanism may underlie at least the Holocene segment of the North Atlantic's 1500-year cycle (Bond et al. 2001).

The spike of brown moss abundance at ~200 year BP (1750 AD) was associated with presence of diatoms and humification-inferred wet conditions (Figure 22). This spike simultaneously corresponded to the rise of *Ambrosia* (ragweed) pollen abundance during this time period (P-6) that marks the start of the European settlement of North America (Russell 1980; Willard et al. 2003). This short time period of wetness probably reflected the peatland response to the change in hydrology and surface water regimes that were induced by human activities such as deforestation (e.g., Campbell et al. 1997; e.g., Bunting et al. 1998; Lamentowicz et al. 2007). The study by Bunting et al. (1998) on Oil Well Bog in southern Ontario showed that when the upland forest was cleared by

European settlers (ca. AD 1830-1845), trees that colonized parts of the wetland was replaced by low shrub communities that dominated the area during wet periods before 500 BP, which suggested initially the wetland surface became wetter.



**Figure 22** Summary graph of lithology (organic matter and carbonate content), apparent rate of carbon accumulation, plant macrofossil results, diatom concentration, humification, testate amoeba-inferred water-table depth, and zonation of macrofossil (M), humification (H), testate amoebae (A), and pollen (P), over the last 3500 years.

## 6 Conclusions and Implication

Peat accumulation at Tannersville Bog was initiated by the terrestrialization (lake infilling) of a glacial lake at ~9 ka with establishment of brown mosses in a rich fen. It shifted to a poor fen with abundant Cyperaceae and *Sphagnum* at ~1.4 ka and a *Sphagnum*-dominated poor fen at ~200 years BP.

As a boreal-type poor fen associated with a temperate climate, Tannersville Bog possesses a concave peat accumulation pattern, which is similar to the patterns of most oceanic bogs and different with those of most continental fens in boreal region, due to the warmer and wetter climate in temperate region. Apparent rates of carbon accumulation at Tannersville Bog range from 13.4 to 101.2 g C m<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>, in the last 10 ka, with a long term average rate of carbon accumulation of 27.2 g C m<sup>-1</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>. This value is higher than the rates of most northern peatlands in boreal and subarctic regions. The significant higher peat-addition rate (174 g m<sup>-2</sup>yr<sup>-1</sup>) and similar modeled peat decomposition rate (0.0004 yr<sup>-1</sup>) at Tannersville Bog, compared to those in boreal peatlands, suggest that the high rate of carbon accumulation may have been caused by higher primary production. However, humification data is not consistent with this interpretation, and suggests that local hydrology (partially the floating condition) has maintained decomposition rates low at Tannersville Bog. Maybe both high production and low decomposition would explain the pattern best. More studies are needed on the same type of peatland to better understand the environmental controls on peat accumulation.



The dry event inferred by the decline of brown mosses and increase in fine organic debris from 5 to 2.7 ka suggest that the decline of hemlock pollen from 5.5-3 ka at Tannersville Bog might have been driven by a dry climate in North America, as documented elsewhere. The transition from a brown moss-dominated rich fen to a sedge and *Sphagnum*-dominated poor fen at Tannersville Bog at ~1.4 ka was characterized by i) increased organic matter content and decrease in diatoms; ii) low water table and high decomposition rates as inferred by testate amoebae and humification data; and iii) decrease in groundwater input suggested by low carbonate content. The timing of the transition is coincident with a low lake level event and a dry climate at nearby White Lake in northeastern New Jersey at ~1.3 ka (Li et al. 2007).

The high primary production at Tannersville Bog is likely due to the warmer and wetter climate in temperate regions compared to boreal regions, despite the possibilities of higher decomposition under a warmer climate and other possible environmental factors. This study implies that some types of northern peatlands can behave as carbon sinks under a warmer and wetter climate in the future. Based on observation and climatic modeling, projected warming in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is expected to be greatest at most high northern latitudes, and the increases in the amount of precipitation are very likely in high-latitudes (IPCC 2007 Synthesis Report). Under this scenario, northern peatlands that are similar to the carbon accumulation at Tannersville Bog are expected to behave as carbon sinks.

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## Appendixes

### 1. Loss-on-ignition analysis results of core TB07-1

Depth	H <sub>2</sub> O %	LOI@550%	Dry Bulk	CaCO <sub>3</sub> %	Silicates %	Ash-free Bulk
(cm)			Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )			Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )
0	95.84	99.03	0.066	0.00	0.97	0.066
2	93.45	97.56	0.070	0.69	1.74	0.069
4	93.94	98.24	0.049	0.33	1.43	0.048
6	93.93	97.19	0.061	0.53	2.28	0.059
8	94.11	97.69	0.056	0.00	2.31	0.054
10	94.04	96.97	0.066	0.00	3.03	0.064
12	94.08	96.93	0.077	0.00	3.07	0.074
14	93.51	96.63	0.081	0.81	2.56	0.078
16	93.09	97.00	0.074	0.66	2.34	0.072
18	91.78	96.84	0.075	0.00	3.16	0.072
20	93.35	94.43	0.068	1.19	4.37	0.064
22	93.34	95.49	0.082	0.79	3.72	0.079
24	91.36	95.36	0.091	1.61	3.03	0.087
26	91.87	94.20	0.101	2.09	3.71	0.095
28	92.60	95.12	0.078	2.51	2.37	0.074
30	92.93	95.41	0.070	1.62	2.97	0.067
32	94.16	94.67	0.059	2.75	2.57	0.056
34	92.61	94.41	0.087	2.62	2.97	0.082
36	93.16	95.35	0.063	2.84	1.81	0.060
38	91.46	97.40	0.080	1.43	1.17	0.078
40	91.17	95.22	0.120	1.63	3.15	0.114
42	91.64	94.12	0.092	2.81	3.06	0.087
44	92.26	95.35	0.089	2.37	2.28	0.085
46	91.13	94.93	0.101	2.56	2.51	0.096
48	90.93	95.54	0.112	3.05	1.42	0.107
50	90.98	95.69	0.113	2.31	2.00	0.108
52	90.66	95.75	0.101	2.58	1.67	0.097
54	90.93	97.07	0.078	1.87	1.06	0.076
56	91.15	96.82	0.092	2.47	0.71	0.089
58	91.40	96.52	0.101	2.26	1.22	0.097
60	93.13	96.23	0.068	1.90	1.86	0.066
62	92.03	97.09	0.088	2.20	0.70	0.086
64	92.20	96.56	0.083	2.35	1.09	0.080
66	93.36	97.60	0.062	2.60	-0.20	0.061
68	93.20	97.29	0.069	1.89	0.81	0.067
70	92.92	97.97	0.077	1.26	0.77	0.076
72	91.39	97.27	0.084	1.55	1.18	0.082
74	92.01	96.15	0.093	1.75	2.10	0.089
76	90.38	96.40	0.101	1.45	2.16	0.097
78	90.63	96.29	0.100	1.14	2.58	0.096
80	90.85	98.26	0.107	1.06	0.67	0.105
82	91.63	98.61	0.087	0.75	0.65	0.086
84	92.62	98.12	0.091	1.07	0.81	0.089
86	91.80	96.14	0.093	1.40	2.45	0.089
88	89.23	94.49	0.122	1.33	4.17	0.115
90	88.55	93.65	0.118	1.24	5.11	0.111
92	90.19	95.25	0.086	1.14	3.62	0.082
94	88.73	93.38	0.114	1.70	4.91	0.107
96	90.40	96.37	0.108	1.35	2.28	0.104
98	89.01	95.19	0.114	1.71	3.11	0.109
100	90.35	95.50	0.108	1.20	3.30	0.103

102	89.45	95.36	0.102	1.28	3.36	0.097
104	90.00	96.85	0.095	1.71	1.45	0.092
106	90.28	94.96	0.089	2.55	2.50	0.085
108	90.67	96.14	0.098	0.50	3.36	0.094
110	91.15	95.48	0.104	0.93	3.59	0.100
112	91.64	96.87	0.089	0.73	2.40	0.086
114	91.64	96.29	0.091	0.54	3.17	0.087
116	92.26	97.04	0.075	1.30	1.66	0.073
118	91.99	96.78	0.080	2.44	0.78	0.077
120	92.62	96.56	0.087	0.93	2.51	0.084
122	92.23	97.11	0.086	1.13	1.76	0.084
124	91.83	96.66	0.100	0.97	2.37	0.097
126	90.92	97.33	0.088	1.29	1.38	0.086
128	91.53	97.23	0.085	0.19	2.58	0.083
130	91.74	97.57	0.088	1.29	1.14	0.086
132	91.62	97.23	0.090	1.08	1.69	0.088
134	91.13	97.61	0.105	0.47	1.92	0.102
136	91.43	97.73	0.076	1.07	1.19	0.074
138	92.04	98.09	0.086	1.88	0.02	0.085
140	92.80	96.46	0.089	0.91	2.63	0.086
142	92.67	97.39	0.090	0.72	1.89	0.088
144	92.26	97.31	0.093	1.75	0.94	0.091
146	91.53	97.08	0.095	1.53	1.39	0.093
148	90.52	96.78	0.104	1.87	1.35	0.101
150	92.33	96.19	0.112	0.87	2.95	0.108
152	91.38	97.24	0.096	2.21	0.56	0.093
154	91.83	97.67	0.089	0.55	1.79	0.087
156	91.70	97.38	0.096	0.68	1.94	0.093
158	91.92	97.70	0.084	0.78	1.53	0.082
160	92.05	94.78	0.094	1.03	4.19	0.089
162	91.99	97.24	0.098	0.66	2.10	0.096
164	92.09	97.58	0.080	0.61	1.81	0.078
166	91.56	97.05	0.092	1.06	1.89	0.089
168	92.14	97.11	0.106	0.76	2.12	0.103
170	91.75	95.06	0.113	1.01	3.93	0.107
172	92.51	97.47	0.085	0.77	1.76	0.083
174	93.14	97.17	0.088	3.68	-0.85	0.086
176	92.20	97.15	0.093	2.98	-0.13	0.090
178	91.71	96.50	0.092	1.95	1.55	0.089
180	91.87	95.03	0.101	1.29	3.68	0.096
182	91.93	96.15	0.095	2.23	1.62	0.091
184	93.42	96.19	0.073	2.00	1.81	0.070
186	93.52	95.76	0.074	2.63	1.61	0.071
188	93.48	95.93	0.072	3.38	0.68	0.069
190	93.41	95.25	0.083	3.34	1.41	0.079
192	92.67	96.12	0.085	3.07	0.81	0.081
194	92.80	95.78	0.078	3.34	0.88	0.075
196	92.81	96.63	0.078	3.11	0.26	0.076
198	91.93	96.29	0.102	2.71	1.00	0.098
200	92.10	95.93	0.095	1.20	2.87	0.091
202	91.54	95.96	0.097	0.33	3.70	0.093
204	92.28	96.33	0.093	0.00	3.67	0.090
206	93.12	97.44	0.092	0.00	2.56	0.090
208	92.65	96.72	0.092	0.00	3.28	0.089
210	93.43	96.23	0.081	2.19	1.58	0.078
212	93.04	97.08	0.088	0.00	2.92	0.086
214	92.39	96.85	0.084	0.39	2.77	0.081
216	93.36	96.08	0.086	0.38	3.54	0.082

218	93.72	97.74	0.076	0.00	2.26	0.074
220	94.50	96.80	0.060	2.16	1.04	0.058
222	93.54	97.70	0.078	1.25	1.04	0.076
224	93.91	96.45	0.066	0.49	3.06	0.064
226	94.47	96.56	0.062	0.26	3.18	0.060
228	93.83	96.35	0.073	0.00	3.65	0.070
230	93.14	95.35	0.088	1.30	3.35	0.084
232	93.33	96.32	0.089	0.00	3.68	0.086
234	93.64	95.72	0.073	0.22	4.06	0.070
236	92.87	95.30	0.087	0.19	4.51	0.083
238	94.14	88.73	0.069	0.24	11.04	0.061
240	94.18	84.42	0.063	2.82	12.75	0.053
242	93.90	79.04	0.071	0.68	20.28	0.056
244	93.89	79.38	0.071	1.14	19.48	0.056
246	92.90	65.20	0.084	3.28	31.52	0.055
248	93.16	65.64	0.079	3.72	30.64	0.052
250	93.03	64.21	0.079	4.34	31.45	0.051
252	92.73	63.58	0.086	4.33	32.09	0.055
254	92.73	64.36	0.087	4.32	31.33	0.056
256	92.85	62.50	0.082	4.57	32.93	0.051
258	91.54	55.31	0.107	5.16	39.52	0.059
260	91.71	56.11	0.066	8.36	35.53	0.037
262	91.94	64.01	0.097	4.87	31.12	0.062
264	91.89	60.30	0.094	4.32	35.37	0.057
266	92.01	61.04	0.098	4.65	34.31	0.060
268	91.61	60.23	0.091	5.15	34.61	0.055
270	91.88	60.74	0.077	7.16	32.10	0.047
272	91.56	64.29	0.097	5.85	29.86	0.063
274	92.86	67.04	0.084	4.08	28.89	0.056
276	92.35	56.00	0.081	5.41	38.59	0.045
278	92.09	58.95	0.090	5.43	35.62	0.053
280	91.63	58.26	0.094	8.66	33.08	0.055
282	92.72	57.87	0.096	6.10	36.03	0.055
284	91.81	55.98	0.094	6.75	37.27	0.053
286	91.51	57.74	0.105	6.49	35.77	0.061
288	91.82	55.90	0.103	7.74	36.36	0.058
290	92.40	59.66	0.104	7.97	32.37	0.062
292	91.85	57.46	0.096	6.96	35.58	0.055
294	92.04	55.64	0.101	7.54	36.82	0.056
296	91.68	53.58	0.112	7.56	38.86	0.060
298	92.15	54.70	0.095	7.69	37.62	0.052
300	91.92	52.03	0.100	8.09	39.88	0.052
302	91.78	53.74	0.099	8.17	38.10	0.053
304	91.50	53.67	0.109	7.31	39.01	0.058
306	91.77	54.31	0.109	7.48	38.22	0.059
308	91.60	54.28	0.102	6.87	38.85	0.055
310	91.45	56.09	0.094	5.16	38.74	0.053
312	91.55	55.95	0.102	6.72	37.33	0.057
314	91.46	54.43	0.106	7.48	38.09	0.058
316	91.69	54.71	0.112	6.95	38.33	0.061
318	91.28	57.18	0.097	7.17	35.65	0.056
320	91.47	57.47	0.088	5.01	37.52	0.050
322	91.74	75.31	0.100	11.92	12.78	0.075
324	91.58	54.86	0.109	7.76	37.39	0.060
326	91.42	56.44	0.106	7.36	36.20	0.060
328	91.74	53.86	0.104	7.99	38.16	0.056
330	91.57	55.88	0.092	5.10	39.01	0.052
332	91.42	54.69	0.110	7.71	37.60	0.060

334	91.27	54.77	0.098	8.61	36.62	0.054
336	91.29	54.17	0.110	8.60	37.23	0.059
338	91.14	53.30	0.108	8.26	38.44	0.058
340	91.03	55.13	0.090	5.03	39.84	0.050
342	91.14	50.98	0.106	8.61	40.41	0.054
344	91.35	51.45	0.113	8.61	39.93	0.058
346	91.34	50.49	0.102	9.20	40.31	0.052
348	91.21	51.89	0.111	8.03	40.07	0.058
350	91.66	53.52	0.102	8.09	38.38	0.055
352	91.58	53.76	0.105	7.92	38.32	0.056
354	91.44	54.59	0.111	7.16	38.25	0.061
356	91.67	56.22	0.101	8.52	35.25	0.057
358	91.38	56.16	0.109	8.49	35.35	0.061
360	91.43	55.24	0.082	6.16	38.59	0.045
362	91.70	55.02	0.095	7.67	37.31	0.052
364	91.44	54.02	0.104	7.97	38.01	0.056
366	91.76	54.34	0.090	8.70	36.96	0.049
368	91.42	53.77	0.106	7.97	38.26	0.057
370	91.45	52.89	0.109	6.58	40.52	0.057
372	91.15	52.97	0.105	8.55	38.48	0.055
374	91.28	66.93	0.099	7.70	25.37	0.066
376	91.96	64.31	0.096	8.13	27.56	0.062
378	91.18	53.53	0.111	9.62	36.85	0.060
380	91.92	52.31	0.096	9.81	37.88	0.050
382	91.06	52.72	0.110	9.56	37.72	0.058
384	91.70	52.22	0.111	9.21	38.57	0.058
386	91.11	52.60	0.109	9.42	37.98	0.057
388	91.61	54.05	0.110	8.68	37.27	0.060
390	91.96	54.10	0.096	9.49	36.41	0.052
392	92.01	54.80	0.101	8.51	36.69	0.055
394	92.25	58.63	0.092	8.66	32.70	0.054
396	92.38	58.85	0.097	9.06	32.09	0.057
398	92.83	61.74	0.098	9.15	29.11	0.060
400	92.02	61.05	0.091	5.35	33.60	0.056
410	92.43	67.85	0.075	3.48	28.67	0.051
420	92.22	64.02	0.073	4.68	31.30	0.047
430	92.13	65.56	0.073	4.42	30.01	0.048
440	92.44	66.50	0.073	2.67	30.82	0.049
450	93.47	68.14	0.074	4.36	27.50	0.051
460	93.24	67.05	0.081	4.43	28.52	0.054
470	91.68	55.40	0.093	6.14	38.46	0.051
480	92.96	55.17	0.067	3.15	41.69	0.037
490	93.06	54.02	0.073	2.68	43.31	0.039
500	92.68	52.93	0.079	2.67	44.40	0.042
510	93.00	51.96	0.084	3.10	44.93	0.044
520	92.38	45.53	0.073	4.65	49.83	0.033
530	92.69	48.33	0.079	4.71	46.96	0.038
540	92.66	48.57	0.070	4.87	46.56	0.034
550	92.19	48.61	0.085	4.22	47.17	0.041
560	92.28	54.58	0.081	3.80	41.62	0.044
570	92.58	54.57	0.084	6.21	39.22	0.046
580	91.91	48.23	0.087	4.87	46.90	0.042
590	91.42	46.66	0.090	5.07	48.27	0.042
600	91.82	49.89	0.098	5.28	44.82	0.049
610	91.25	45.86	0.092	5.28	48.86	0.042
620	91.11	48.14	0.092	5.98	45.87	0.044
630	91.54	52.74	0.098	3.83	43.43	0.052
640	91.00	50.23	0.078	4.35	45.42	0.039

650	91.53	48.44	0.101	5.17	46.39	0.049
660	91.64	47.09	0.087	5.22	47.69	0.041
670	91.43	51.00	0.090	5.44	43.57	0.046
680	91.78	52.57	0.081	5.03	42.40	0.042
690	91.22	52.58	0.101	5.15	42.27	0.053
700	90.27	47.71	0.100	4.72	47.57	0.048
710	89.98	41.01	0.097	5.51	53.48	0.040
720	90.30	42.14	0.102	4.93	52.94	0.043
730	90.01	45.40	0.119	5.06	49.54	0.054
740	89.65	43.04	0.122	4.65	52.30	0.053
750	90.22	48.37	0.101	4.50	47.12	0.049
760	90.54	48.63	0.094	3.63	47.74	0.046
770	91.19	41.35	0.093	5.22	53.43	0.039
780	91.27	44.51	0.096	5.26	50.22	0.043
790	89.96	48.80	0.104	4.70	46.51	0.051
800	90.23	44.35	0.105	5.11	50.54	0.047
810	89.49	46.67	0.106	3.52	49.81	0.050
820	89.69	47.11	0.106	3.67	49.22	0.050
830	89.21	48.56	0.114	4.27	47.17	0.055
840	89.06	46.41	0.104	4.39	49.20	0.048
850	87.33	35.25	0.127	4.62	60.13	0.045
860	87.68	33.81	0.111	5.13	61.06	0.037
870	88.00	36.07	0.113	4.60	59.33	0.041
880	89.39	42.17	0.104	4.71	53.12	0.044
890	87.54	31.44	0.132	5.16	63.40	0.042
900	86.09	30.25	0.147	5.21	64.55	0.044
910	85.27	28.06	0.171	4.85	67.09	0.048
920	83.18	24.73	0.146	4.57	70.70	0.036
930	84.84	26.29	0.155	5.76	67.95	0.041
940	84.29	27.46	0.160	5.89	66.66	0.044
950	85.26	28.81	0.152	6.00	65.19	0.044
960	85.49	27.98	0.172	5.77	66.25	0.048
970	84.03	24.87	0.199	6.13	69.00	0.049
980	83.69	22.39	0.150	6.81	70.81	0.034
990	82.51	22.77	0.196	6.06	71.18	0.045
1000	78.96	19.59	0.197	4.69	75.72	0.039
1010	82.77	24.13	0.159	6.63	69.25	0.038
1020	83.33	25.81	0.150	6.81	67.38	0.039
1030	82.05	24.36	0.174	5.33	70.30	0.042
1040	79.83	18.91	0.196	5.22	75.87	0.037
1050	76.49	18.16	0.209	4.81	77.02	0.038
1060	76.74	18.15	0.224	5.09	76.77	0.041
1070	74.77	15.97	0.271	4.98	79.05	0.043

## 2. Plant macrofossil percentage data for core TB07-1

Depth	Detritus	Moss	Sphagnum	Brown	Cyperacea	Ligneous	Wood	Picea	Larix	Leaves	Ericaceae	Charcoal	Algae	Chitin
(cm)			moss				fragments	needle	needle		root			
0	0		85	0	0	15		15						
2	0	80	80	0	0	20			8	2				
4	0	45	45	0	5	50	45					5		
6	0	80	80	0	0	20	10			5		5		
8	5	50	50	0	0	45	30			10		5		
10	5		60			35	3	2	5	20		5		
12	5	80	80	0	0	15	5			5		5		
14	20	40	40	0	0	40	25	5		10				
16	20	30	30	0	5	45	35			10				
18	20	40	40	0	10	30	25			5				
20	5		60		10	25	4			10		5		
22	20	60	60	0	0	20	20					5		
24	30	50	50	0	0	20	15					5		
26	20	65	65	0	0	15	10					5		
28	20	40	40	0	0	40	40							
30	10		40		40	10				1		8		
32	20	60	60	0	10	10	5					5		
34	10	70	70	0	5	15	10					5		
36	10	60	60	0	10	20	15					5		
38	10	60	60	0	10	20	15					5		
40	15		30		30	25	5			5		5		
42	10	45	45	0	20	25	20					5		
44	10	40	40	0	20	30	20					10		
46	20	20	20	0	20	40	35					5		
48	20	20	20	0	20	40	35					5		
50	15		30		25	30		2	2	2		9		
52	20	20	20	0	30	30	10					20		
54	20	20	20	0	45	15	10					5		
56	10	10	10	0	40	40	40							
58	10	10	10	0	60	20	5					15		
60	20		40	10	20	10			1	2		8		
62	30	20	20	0	30	20	10					10		
64	30	30	30	0	30	10	10							
66	30	30	30	0	30	10	10							
68	30	30	30	0	30	10	10							
70	10		10		75	5	5							



72	20	40	40	0	30	10				10
74	20	30	30	0	30	20	20			
76	30	10	10	0	40	20	18	2		
78	30	10	10	0	40	20	15			5
80	20		20	30	25	5	5			
82	20	20	20	0	25	35	30			5
84	20	10	10	0	50	20	20			
86	20	10	10	0	60	10	10			
88	20	25	25	0	50	5	5			
90	50			20	25	5	2			3
92	40	5	5	0	25	30	30			
94	40	5	5	0	40	15	15			
96	40	5	5	0	45	10	10			
98	45	5	5	0	40	10	10			
100	50		15		25	10	3	2		5
102	40	10	10	0	40	10	10			
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116	50	5	5	0	30	15	10			5
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120	30		10		50	10	5			5
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124	50	10	10	0	25	15	15			
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600	70			20	5	5	3	2	2
610	80			10	2	8	2	6	
620	80			10	2	8	6	2	
630	70			25	2	3	1	2	
640	70			20	5	5	5		
650	80			10	3	7	5	2	
660	80			10	3	7	5	2	
670	80			8	6	6	3	3	
680	80			8	4	8	6	2	
690	80			10	4	6	2	2	
700	80			10	3	7	5	2	
710	80			8	4	8	6	2	
720	80			8	4	8	6	2	
730	80			8	4	8	4	4	
740	80			8	6	6	4	2	
750	85		1	4	5	5	1	2	1

760	80		5	10	5	5		
770	85		2	8	5	3	1	1
780	90	1		6	3	2		1
790	90		1	6	3	2		1
800	90		2	4	4	3		1
810	90	2		4	4	3		1
820	95		1	2	2	1		1
830	95		1	2	2	2		
840	95		2	2	1	1		
850	90		2	4	4	1		3
860	95	1		2	2	1		1
870	95	1	1	2	2	1		1
880	95	1		2	2	1		1
890	90		1	4	5	5		
900	80		6	2	2	2		10
910	70		5	3	2			2 20
920	70	2			2			2 26
930	80	2		5	8	3		5 5
940	85			6	9	6		3
950	90			5	5	4		1
960	95			1	4	3		1
970	95			2	3	3		
980	95			2	3	2		1
990	95			2	3	2		1
1000	98			2				
1010	98			1	1			1
1020	97			3				
1030	98			2				
1040	96			2	2	1		1
1050	95			1	4	2		2
1060	98			1	1	1		
1070	98			0.5	1.5	0.5		1

### 3. Humification for core TB07-1 measured in light transmittance (%)

WL (nm)	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200
a	13	a	b	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b	a	b
400	13	16	15	16	15	12	12	14	9.5	6.1	10	7.9	10	13	10	12	11	13	8.6	10
405	14	17	17	17	16	12	12	14	11	7.3	12	9.3	12	14	13	12	15	15	11	11
410	16	19	21	21	19	12	12	14	14	8.7	14	12	15	16	16	15	17	17	13	13
415	17	21	22	22	20	14	14	16	15	10	15	12	16	18	18	17	18	19	15	15
420	19	23	24	24	22	16	16	18	17	12	17	14	17	20	20	19	20	21	16	18
425	19	25	26	26	23	17	17	20	18	13	19	16	19	22	22	21	22	23	18	20
430	22	27	27	27	23	21	21	23	20	14	21	18	21	24	24	23	24	25	20	22
435	24	29	29	29	25	23	23	26	23	17	23	20	23	26	26	25	26	27	22	24
440	26	31	30	30	27	25	25	28	25	19	25	22	25	28	28	27	28	29	24	26
445	28	33	32	32	28	26	26	30	27	21	27	23	27	30	30	29	30	31	25	27
450	30	35	34	34	30	28	28	33	30	23	29	25	28	32	32	31	32	33	28	30
455	32	37	36	36	33	31	31	36	33	25	31	27	30	34	34	33	34	35	30	32
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465	35	40	40	40	37	35	35	41	38	30	36	31	34	38	38	37	38	39	34	36
470	37	42	42	42	39	37	37	43	40	32	38	33	36	40	40	39	40	41	36	38
475	39	44	44	44	41	39	39	45	42	34	40	35	38	42	42	41	42	43	38	40
480	40	46	45	45	42	40	40	46	43	36	41	36	39	43	43	42	43	44	39	41
485	42	47	47	47	44	42	42	48	45	38	42	37	40	44	44	43	44	45	40	42
490	43	49	48	48	45	43	43	49	46	40	43	38	41	45	45	44	45	46	41	43
495	45	50	50	50	46	44	44	50	47	41	44	39	42	46	46	45	46	47	42	44
500	46	52	51	51	47	45	45	52	48	42	45	40	43	47	47	46	47	48	43	45
505	48	53	53	53	49	47	47	54	51	44	46	41	44	48	48	47	48	49	44	46
510	49	55	55	55	51	49	49	56	53	46	48	43	45	49	49	48	49	50	45	48
515	51	57	56	56	52	50	50	58	55	48	50	45	47	51	51	50	51	52	46	49
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535	58	63	63	63	60	58	58	65	62	55	57	52	54	59	59	58	59	60	54	56
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545	61	66	66	66	62	60	60	68	65	58	60	55	57	62	62	61	62	63	57	59
550	63	67	67	67	64	62	62	70	67	60	62	57	59	64	64	63	64	65	58	60
555	64	69	69	69	65	63	63	71	68	61	63	58	60	66	66	65	66	67	60	62
560	66	70	70	70	66	64	64	72	69	62	64	59	61	68	68	67	68	69	62	64
565	67	72	71	71	67	65	65	73	70	63	65	60	62	69	69	68	69	70	63	65
570	69	73	73	73	69	67	67	75	72	65	67	62	64	71	71	70	71	72	65	67
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580	72	75	75	75	72	70	70	77	74	67	69	64	66	73	73	72	73	74	67	69
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590	75	78	78	78	74	72	72	80	77	70	72	67	69	75	75	74	75	76	69	71
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600	77	80	80	80	76	74	74	82	79	72	74	69	71	77	77	76	77	78	71	73
605	79	81	81	81	78	76	76	84	81	73	75	70	72	78	78	77	78	79	72	74
610	80	82	82	82	79	77	77	85	82	74	76	71	73	79	79	78	79	80	73	75
615	81	83	83	83	80	78	78	86	83	75	77	72	74	80	80	79	80	81	74	76
620	81	83	83	83	80	78	78	86	83	75	77	72	74	80	80	79	80	81	74	76
625	82	84	84	84	81	79	79	87	84	76	78	73	75	81	81	80	81	82	75	77
630	83	85	85	85	82	80	80	88	85	77	79	74	76	82	82	81	82	83	76	78
635	84	86	86	86	83	81	81	89	86	78	80	75	77	83	83	82	83	84	77	79
640	85	87	87	87	84	82	82	90	87	79	81	76	78	84	84	83	84	85	78	80
645	86	88	88	88	85	83	83	91	88	80	82	77	79	85	85	84	85	86	79	81
650	86	88	88	88	85	83	83	91	88	80	82	77	79	85	85	84	85	86	79	81
655	87	88	88	88	85	83	83	91	88	80	82	77	79	85	85	84	85	86	79	81

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#### 4. Pollen count data for core TB07-1

Depth (cm)	Age (cal BP)	Salix	Betula	Picea	Larix	Pinus	Abies	Alnus	Fraxinus nigra	Populus	Ostrya	Quercus	Ulmus	Tsuga	Nyssa	Acer	F. pennsylvanica	Juglans
10	-43		13	10		10			5		2	77					2	6
20	-26		32	15		11			1			85		3		3	1	1
30	-5		30	7	4	10						69		3		1		1
40	22		46	7	3	4		4	2			45		4			2	1
50	54		18	11	3	7			5			57		3		4	5	
60	91		24	25	2	11						72		18				3
70	132		17	22	1	6						66		14				
80	178		24	13		10						62		21		2		2
90	229		18	9		29						53		28		26		
100	284		15	10		17			2			72		21		30	3	
110	343		20	9	4	26			5			73		18		12	5	
120	406		37	19		13		1				102		16		2		
130	474		34	23		9			6			100	3	15		3	9	6
140	545	4	23	14	3	8		1	2			86		16			4	
150	621	5	26	26					1			92		14			3	
160	700		17	29		1		2	6		4	76	4	12		1	6	
170	783	3	20	20		23	1	2	9		5	78	1	21			9	1
180	870		24	15		13	4		12		2	114		15		3	6	
190	960		68	16		15	5		7		1	51	3	8		5	5	
200	1054		18	18		29		4				67		18		6	7	
210	1150		42	19		25	1	2	1			104	13	20		3	3	
220	1251	10	25	7		32			0		3	74	14	10			1	
230	1354		34	13		42	1		1			88	8	18		11	3	
240	1460		23	21		12		2	0			96		17			3	
250	1570		21	14		22		8	1			95		29			3	
260	1682		21	9		41		6	1			88		29			3	
270	1797		26	7		25			2			104		27			3	
280	1914	6	25	8		24		7	1		1	85		18			3	
290	2034		29	7		40		3	1			107		18			3	
300	2157		18	18		17		1	0			90		23			3	
340	2669	6	24	8		36		3	0			90		20			3	
360	2938	2	20	5		32	6	8	4			122	6	6			2	
380	3213	1	26	1		50		7			1	107	2	5		4	7	
400	3495		10			38		19	1			121	2	4		2	7	
420	3782		24	5		24	1	7	3		1	115	4	1			5	
440	4074		20	3		41		6	1		2	116	2			4	13	1
460	4369		23	3		22		15	1		2	112	2			3	8	
480	4668		25	11		28	2	11	4		2	127	3	5		3	3	
500	4969		19	1		13		7	1		1	133	1	6		1	1	
520	5272		27	1		11		11	6			141		19		5	1	
540	5575		10			13		9	2			111	4	48		4	3	
560	5878		8			2		5	4			135	3	37		1		
580	6181		11			7		15	1			139		38			10	
600	6482		16			6		7	1			107	1	36		7	4	
620	6780		20			4		7				120	4	41		8	6	2
640	7075	5	12			13		8				110	3	27		2	8	1
660	7366	6	13			10		4	1			125	1	18		1	3	1
680	7653		14			9		6	4		1	109	3	33		4	6	1
700	7934		25			11		8	1			115	4	27		7	7	1
720	8208		18			16		1	4			110		26		4	3	
740	8475		19			15		4	3			119	2	18		4		1
760	8735	1	7			22		4	1			127		18		5	8	
780	8985	1	20			15		4	3			127		21			7	
800	9227		12			24		3	5	1		130	5	13		2	2	
820	9458	2	14			30	3	6	5			131	2	12		5	1	
840	9677		10			40	3	14	5		1	132	3	11		3		1
860	9885		11	7		51	6	5				132	4	13			8	
880	10081		12	6		58	2	7	6			99		10		1		1
900	10263		11	3		64	8	3	2			100	5	13		1	2	
920	10430		9	2		65		5	8		3	106	8	15		2		
940	10583		15	4		95	7	3	8			56	2	30		1	1	
960	10720		4	10		98		1	8			71	8	60		6		
980	10840		18	12		104		3	6			93	3	13		1	1	4
1000	10943		8	7		145	1	3	6		1	47	3	13		2		
1020	11028		10	0		172		2				35	3	3		5	4	
1040	11094		47	5		166		9	5	1		16	1	7		3	1	
1060	11140		90	19		105	4	32	3			8		10				

Fagus	Carya	Tilia	Castanea	Ericaceae	Ilex	Vaccinium	Rubus	Cyperaceae	Artemisia	Urtica	Chenopodiaceae	Helianthus	Drosera	Arceuthobium	Poaceae	Ambrosia
1	4			4											1	12
1	7			27							1					19
	6			29							4					35
	10			9												41
		1	7	9							3				2	78
4	2		7					9								63
12	6		7	2				13			3					36
11	7										2					18
6	3		1													3
3	8		5	4												6
13	13		1	2												3
26	8	8														1
12	6	2	3	3											4	
12	7		8	4								1			14	1
10	2		2	2											17	3
23	7		1									1			11	
5	8	3		4								5	1			1
	6	5		3								5				5
2	13	4	2	9												19
9	22			3							7	1				16
6	15	3		4								1				3
4	9			2		3										
3	9	5		1							2					3
6	8	1	3													
5	12														2	
2	11	2		1												
11	9		1	4											3	
6	18															3
5	12		1	1		1					1			3		
9	17			3												2
6	12			3										2		
9	9										1					
3	7														1	
16	14										1					2
8	3		1	2							1					2
16	8			1							2					
13	7		2													1
15	12															1
12	11		7									1				
9	7		6									1				2
8	15		4								1					
8	8										1					
14	10		3	2												
10	2										1	1				4
12	4															
22	4										2				1	
9	2															
10	1										1	1				
15	1	1			1		1					1			2	2
6	1			1			1								1	2
9																4
3	1															3
10			2													
7	1								2							
4							1				1					2
1	2										1					
5															1	4
3								4		2	1	1			1	2
6								1			1				1	1
5					1										3	
3									2							
									1							
6					1											
13															1	1
	1							1	4							
	1							2	1			2				

Pteridium	Dryopteris	Osmunda	Sphagnum	Sparganium	Myriophyllum	Nymphaeaceae	Brassica	Nuphar	Cephalanthus	Iva	Lemma	Sagittaria	Sium	Equisetum	Indeterminable	Total Pollen Sum	Lycopodium
3																126	45
3																176	23
	1		3													12	35
			3													4	39
	9		7													14	37
			28													27	45
			17													13	24
			37			25										9	21
			1									1				19	19
																13	22
			1													19	18
	1		1													14	17
	1		2					6									190
																8	15
																6	9
																	155
			7													4	13
														1		189	12
			5											2		3	21
			2														154
			1					2								4	30
	2		11									1				6	19
																4	25
																3	18
																3	20
1			3					1								10	9
			2					1								12	5
			2													11	12
			1					2								10	21
1								1								7	8
								1								9	14
								1								10	11
																9	2
			5			1										5	7
1	5	1					4	1									222
2	1		1				2										200
1	3	3	1													4	5
7	3	3														7	10
		1	1									1				9	7
	2	4	2													9	8
		7					2	2				2				4	13
1	2	2					6									2	6
	1	2					1									4	9
	3		2				1									6	18
	1													1		7	12
	2		1													5	15
1	2															5	20
3	3		1				1				1					6	2
3	4	1					2							6		5	5
	2		1				2							8		4	8
	2						1							10		4	3
1	4				3		3		1	1				25		2	9
							1							16		2	4
							1							13		3	3
	5		2				1							4		2	4
10	5													10		3	4
2	2		2											9		4	3
	4							1			2			8		6	3
	1													7		2	5
1	1													12		5	6
5	4													12		2	5
6	1		2		1			1			1			7		1	6
5	1		1					1				2		10		5	8
6	3	2						1						15		3	5
8	1							2						21		1	3
5	7		2					1			2			23		2	6
1	1	1												14		1	2
4	3				2									20			5
2										1				12			2
5	3													10		5	4
3			1							1	1	1				1	174

5. Testate amoebae count data for core TB07-1

Depth (cm)	Age (cal BP)	Amphitetra flammum	A. wrightianum	Arcella artocrea type	A. calinus	A. discoides type	Assulina muscorum/seminulum	Bulinularia indica	Centropyxis aculeata	C. cassis type	C. platystoma type	Corythion-Trinema type	Cyclopyxis-Phryganella type	Diffugia pulex	D. oblonga	Euglypha spp.	Heleopera spp.	Hyalosphenia elegans	H. papilio	H. subflava	Nebela carinata/marginata	N. febellulum	N. griseola	N. militaris	N. lincla	Pseudodiffugia fascicularis	Trigonopyxis arcuata	Indeterminable	Total	Lycopodium
10	-43	3	0	0	0	6	8	0	12	0	0	11	25	0	15	2	10	13	18	0	0	3	42	0	8	0	0	176	45	
20	-26	1	0	0	1	28	14	0	7	0	1	1	7	35	12	11	19	10	33	0	12	0	59	0	0	5	0	256	23	
30	-5	0	0	0	0	34	3	0	12	0	0	6	21	48	5	13	14	10	51	0	7	0	35	0	0	4	0	263	35	
40	22	0	0	0	9	15	12	0	22	3	4		23		5	18	16	20	45				25	4		8		229	39	
50	54	23		15		2	18		8	28	1		30	1	1	8	10	23	43			2	13			14	4	244	37	
60	91	21		4		2	7		43						1	4	18	40	2		2	10				6		160	45	
70	132	11	17		10		9		30				1		3	25	6	30	3	15		1	1			10		172	24	
80	178	5	4	11	3	8	9		34	5	4		3		3	23		18	23				8			4	8	173	21	
90	229	0				5			7							4		2				1				4	3	26	72	
100	284	2				1			28				1			7			1								4	44	124	
110	343	4			1	3			41										1								7	57	60	
120	406	3			8				42			1			1	2		1									2	60	25	
130	474	1		2		5			3										1									12	18	
140	545	6	1		2	2	4		14							4	8	9					4		3		1	58	25	
150	621	10		1	3		3	1	21			4				3	2	1	1				1		2		3	56	15	
160	700	17			9	1	3	2	22			1	1			5	1	4								1		67	19	
170	783	3	5		3		3		37		2	2	4			5	8	7	3				9				7	98	15	
180	870				6		1		37		1					3		1	1							1	2	53	35	
190	960	3	2	1	4	3	7		26		2		8		3	6	2	8	25				20		10	5	4	139	30	
200	1054	3	4	4		11	7		20		6		3	8	1	7	12	8	16			2	33	2		4	9	160	35	
210	1150	1			1		1		11							1	1	2	1									19	18	
220	1251	1			1	1			35		5					2	2			2							3	52	16	
230	1354	1			3	2	1		34	1			1	2		1	3		3									52	39	
240	1460					5	1		25							1					5			3			4	44	11	
250	1570					16			30			2	1			1					2							52	15	
260	1682					2			46	3																		51	37	
270	1797					8			40					2													1	51	38	
280	1914				1	5			38				1								5							50	20	
290	2034				1	6			40				2	2							1							52	30	
300	2157		2				1	1	6			4				4	2	1									-	21	11	
340	2669								22					5		3					4							34	24	

## 6. Diatom count data for core TB07-1

Depth (cm)	Age (cal BP)	Diatom	Lycopodium
10	-43	0	45
20	-26	0	23
30	-5	0	35
40	22	0	39
50	54	0	37
60	91	0	45
70	132	0	24
80	178	0	21
90	229	38	19
100	284	26	22
110	343	18	18
120	406	0	17
130	474	0	18
140	545	3	15
150	621	3	9
160	700	0	13
170	783	0	12
180	870	0	21
190	960	0	30
200	1054	3	19
210	1150	0	25
220	1251	0	18
230	1354	0	20
240	1460	133	9
250	1570	565	5
260	1682	781	12
270	1797	752	21
280	1914	1634	8
290	2034	685	14
300	2157	539	11
340	2669	85	2

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